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Countries concerned with Google

PRIVACY Officials from Canada, Germany, France and seven other countries are raising privacy concerns to Google over the online search leader's fumbled foray into social networking along with other matters.

Google launched Google Buzz as part of its Gmail service in February. It quickly came under fire for automatically creating public circles of friends for users, based on their most frequent Gmail contacts. After complaints, the company apologized and made changes to the service.

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4-20 **Double** **jointed**

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Sam Smith inhales from a double-sided joint yesterday at a gathering of Toronto pot smokers at Yonge-Dundas Square. The Smoke Out was organized by the Toronto Hash Mob, an activist group supporting the legalization of marijuana in Canada. Participants openly smoked pot in the public square on April 20, sometimes known as 4-20. More coverage, page 3.

Mix & match

More mixed-race couples tying the knot: StatsCan

Qais Ghanem, a Muslim originally from Yemen, found love as a university student in the 1970s.

His bride? A Christian woman from England.

His parents? Not impressed.

"There was disappointment on my side of the family," Ghanem says. "You know, birds of a feather flock together?"

Fast-forward 40 years and he and his wife, Valerie, are no longer an out-of-the-ordinary pairing.

The Ottawa couple are one of 289,400 mixed-race Canadian couples — a number that a new Statistics Canada report suggests is one-third higher than it was less than a decade ago.

The report, which comes from 2006 census data, indicates most of today's mixed unions are between couples who are young, from urban areas and represent a higher than average socio-economic class.

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Queen's University Prof. Audrey Kobayashi says setting is a big factor. In places like university campuses, intermarriage is more acceptable than it might be in places where mixed pairings are not as common. The number of mixed couples who live in rural areas, for example, is small at 1.4 per cent, compared with 5.1 per cent of Canadians living in metropolitan areas.

The number of intermarriages increased 33.1 per cent since 2001, according to the report and mixed couples now account for 3.9 per cent of all unions.

The study also shows second-, third- and fourth-generation Canadians are more likely to marry outside of their race.

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Choppers ready for landing

Downtown Toronto got a taste of security preparation for the upcoming G20 summit yesterday as two military helicopters, left, completed a test flight around the Metro Toronto Convention Centre before landing in front of the CN Tower. The CH-146 Griffon helicopters were spotted at about 9 a.m. circling the area above the convention centre, which will play host to the international meeting in June. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Sex ed to start in Grade 3: McGuinty

A new sex education curriculum that will see Ontario students learn about masturbation in Grade 6 and oral sex at age 12 is a responsible way to teach children about sex, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

Some conservative groups who are mounting a campaign to get rid of the sex ed program, which will see lessons taught as early as Grade 3, are accusing the government of corrupting young minds with sexually explicit material.

Kids will learn about such topics anyway, whether it's from their friends or the Internet, said McGuinty.

By making it part of the curriculum, children will get the information in a venue "over which we have some control," he argued.

"Why wouldn't we recognize that we live in an information age and why wouldn't we try to present this information in a thoughtful and responsible and open way?"

McGuinty

But the self-described "family focused" groups say the material is "bordering on criminal."

Sixth graders would be taught about masturbation and vaginal lubrication and 12-year-olds will get lessons on oral and anal sex, charged Dr. Charles McVety, president of Canada Christian College.

Teachers will also instruct eight-year-olds about gender identity, sexual orientation and same-sex marriage, he said.

"Now, most adults do not question their gender identity. But we're now going to teach little Johnny to say, 'Well, I'm male on the outside but maybe I'm a girl on the inside,'" McVety said.

"This is unconscionable to confuse an eight-year-old's mind with this type of indoctrination of a special-interest agenda."

McVety said he doesn't object to sex education per se and believes that schools should teach about the "perils of promiscuity" and sexually-transmitted diseases.

But it should be parents who decide how they want to deal with sexually explicit topics, he said.

"Somehow the parent is left out of the equation," he said. "We are set aside as if we are irrelevant and the mighty state knows all." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man arrested after gun pulled at pot rally

DRUGS Toronto police took a person into custody after a possible firearm spotting yesterday at a pro-marijuana rally in the city's downtown.

Const. Tony Vella said police were trying to confirm whether or not the item confiscated at Yonge-Dundas Square was an actual firearm or a replica.

By late afternoon the possible firearm was still at the scene awaiting the arrival of police forensics specialists.

There were some reports of minor injuries when people began running from the scene, which had been peaceful up to that point.

Things became frantic when a man off to the side of the rally brandished what appeared to be a handgun.

People stood around the possible firearm as others knocked the man down. Some at the rally heckled the suspect as he was taken away.

The so-called 4-20 event held every year on April 20 is the "high holiday" for marijuana advocates, and pot advocates held smoke-ins from Toronto to Victoria and several points in between. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A man gets kicked in the head yesterday as protesters scuffle after an apparent gun was pulled in the crowd during a celebration of cannabis in Yonge-Dundas Square.

Virgin unveils daily flights to San Fran, L.A. from Pearson

TRAVEL Virgin America says it will take to the skies from Toronto as part of new daily flights to the U.S. West Coast.

The company, part of the group headed by flamboyant British billionaire Richard Branson, said it will service daily flights from Pearson airport to both Los Angeles and San Francisco, starting June 23.

"Toronto is one of the largest cities in North America and a world-class travel destination — with strong ties to California — most notably in the entertainment and high-tech sectors," Virgin America president and CEO David Cush said yesterday.

The company said the new service will run from Pearson to San Francisco International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport.

Lloyd McCoomb, president and CEO of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, said the expansion into Toronto "is a testament to the strong business and tourism ties between Canada and the U.S." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man freed after shrapnel found in shoes

SUSPICIOUS Police say a man stopped at Pearson airport yesterday with suspicious material was released without charge.

Peel police Sgt. Zahir Shah said the issue is a private matter and the man is now departing for a U.S. location.

The man was stopped at a security checkpoint and investigated after the suspicious material was found. Media reports said it was shrapnel and batteries in his shoes and the man placed them there to appear taller. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Province fighting drug war on YouTube

Ontario's governing Liberals are moving their escalating drug war with pharmacists to the Internet.

A day after pharmacies launched an ad campaign to protest funding cuts, the government opened a YouTube channel and website to get their message across.

Voters value their pharmacists, but they're also beginning to realize that rising health-care costs are endangering other programs, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

When they learn that Ontario pays some of the highest drug costs in the world, they'll ask themselves what can be done to reduce those costs, he added.

"It's a difficult thing to do, but I know it's the right thing to do," he said.

It's a phrase Health Minister Deb Matthews repeats over and over in the YouTube videos justifying the government's plan to eliminate fees paid to pharmacists in order to lower the cost of generic drugs.

"These changes are absolutely the right thing to do," she says while surrounded by shelves filled with plastic pill bottles in what appears to be a pharmacy.

"Ontarians pay way too much for our drugs when we compare them to other jurisdictions."

As Matthews speaks, a slide appears showing that a 10 milligram pill of Edalapril, a generic blood pressure medication, costs 50 cents in Ontario compared to 10 cents in the U.S. and two cents in New Zealand.

"I think the government's desperately playing the communications game in trying to get their message out there," said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

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> **"Ontarians pay way too much for our drugs when we compare them to other jurisdictions."** Deb Matthews, health minister

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Etobicoke **Bomb threat**

BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police block access at the back of Etobicoke Collegiate Institute yesterday morning following a bomb threat. Police searched the school with sniffer dogs, but found nothing. Students were sent home as a precaution.

Docs ask province for help to curb smoking

HEALTH The Ontario Medical Association is calling on the province to take steps to help smokers butt out and to prevent others from taking up the habit.

"There have been a number of initiatives implemented aimed at reducing the use of tobacco, and in particular the current government has been a leader in efforts to curb exposure to second-hand smoke. But there is more work to be done," OMA president Dr. Suzanne Strasberg said yesterday.

The availability of cheap, untaxed contraband tobacco products is expanding, the OMA said in a report released yesterday, which noted that in 2009, an estimated one in five cigarettes smoked in Ontario were classified as contraband.

"It's unfortunate, but the simple fact is there are still far too many people who smoke and who suffer from preventable tobacco-induced illness and it is having a significant impact on our health-care system," Strasberg said in a statement.

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'Relight the fight'

The doctors organization is urging the province to "relight the fight against tobacco" by:

- Creating a comprehensive smoking-cessation system to help people butt out;
- Drastically reducing the number of retail tobacco outlets;
- Placing a moratorium on the sale of new tobacco products;
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Milton participant takes third place in charity drive for Jumpstart

Kayla Wagg of Milton placed third by raising $5,525 for Jumpstart, Canadian Tire's charity that supports kids who can't afford to participate in organized sports. Tiffany Froese of Landmark, Man., raised $7,846 to win the first-place prize of a trip to the World Cup in South Africa. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Taking the big day online

More couples using 'wedsites' to plan, share their nuptials

Half of the guests invited to the summer wedding of Alana Dalglish and Blair Sutherland have already RSVP'd without mailing in a response card — or receiving a posted invitation, for that matter.

The couple opted to create their own personal wedding website allowing the 120 guests to view the invitation and RSVP for the June 25 ceremony online.

When they mailed their Christmas cards, Dalglish, 33, and Sutherland, 32, included save-the-date magnets for the wedding with the web address, asking guests to RSVP on their site since no paper invitations would be mailed out.

Dalglish, a registered massage therapist, said the decision to go the digital route stemmed from a number of factors, including wanting to keep the wedding as eco-friendly as possible and to reduce postage costs.

Sutherland, an IT specialist, said not having to worry about monitoring the mail for RSVPs was also a plus.

But there's more to their website than just fielding guest replies. Dalglish and Sutherland keep friends and family in the loop with events in the leadup to the wedding. There are also plans in the works to have a live feed of their nuptials.

The couple is among a steadily growing number incorporating the use of what some have dubbed "wedsites" as tools in helping plan and share information leading up to and including their big day.

Dalglish admits their parents were initially "really resistant" to the website idea.

"They were just like, 'I don't know, people might not be able to handle it,'" she recalled. "And we're like, 'Trust us, it's going to be totally fine' — and it has been."

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Blair Sutherland, 32, and his fiancée Alana Dalglish, 33, will be getting married in June. They're among a growing number of Canadian couples who are embracing technology, such as E-cards and webcasting, for their weddings.

Service resumes for some Canada-to-Europe flights

VOLCANIC ASH European airspace may slowly be starting to reopen, but Canadian travellers hoping to fly across the Atlantic are still in limbo.

A cloud of ash from a massive volcanic eruption in Iceland has grounded planes since Thursday and shut down dozens of airports across Europe.

Air Canada flights to London, Frankfurt and Munich are still cancelled, though the carrier did resume service to many other European locations last night.

Air Transat flights to London were still grounded due to the ongoing closure of Heathrow Airport.

But the backlog was easing throughout the rest of Europe, with airports in popular travel destinations including France and Germany ramping up operations throughout the day.

The Eurocontrol air traffic agency in Brussels said it expected 55 to 60 per cent of flights over Europe to go ahead yesterday and close to normal takeoffs by Friday.

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Not over

- An international pilots group warned that ash remains a danger and meteorologists say Iceland's volcano isn't ready to rest, promising more choked airspace and flight delays to come.

Man faces child porn charges

POSSESSION A president of a children's baseball organization is facing child pornography charges after images were allegedly discovered when he brought his computer in for repair.

Stephen Lane, 65, of Toronto, was charged Monday with possession of child pornography.

Lane is the current president of Weston Baseball Association. Police do not believe any images on the computer were produced by the suspect.

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Europe-bound lobsters re-routed

Thousands of pounds of Canadian lobster that couldn't be flown to Europe because of grounded flights will be sent to the United States and Asia. Canada's largest shellfish exporter, Clearwater Seafoods, says its revenues won't be pinched too much by the delays because it's a slow season for lobsters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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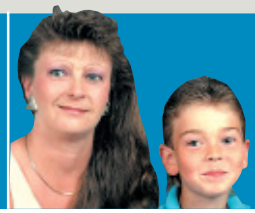

Man charged in 15-year-old murders

The RCMP has laid charges in the 15-year-old double slaying of a mother and her 12-year-old son, left, in southeastern New Brunswick. Raymond Joseph White, who is serving prison time in British Columbia, is charged with first-degree murder. The bodies of Mary Lou Barnes, 37, and her son Larry Mills Jr. were found by a relative in their mobile home in British Settlement, near Sackville, on Nov. 6, 1995. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Computers ailing: AG

Systems put tax refunds, cheques at risk, report says

Tax refunds, EI and pension cheques could be at stake as government computer systems get old, the auditor general warns.

Despite the risk of failure in computers at major agencies, including the Canada Revenue Agency and the EI program, there's no overall plan in place to solve what is a multibillion-dollar problem.

Auditor General Sheila Fraser's latest report says many computer systems are still working, but as they age, many can't be updated and they get more expensive to operate.

"The most damaging risk is that an aging critical system could break down and prevent the government from delivering key services to the public — such as issuing income-tax refunds and employment insurance and pension cheques," said the report, released yesterday.

The government has known about the risks of aging systems for a decade, but still isn't putting enough money into up-to-date equipment and software, says the document.

Stockwell Day, president of the Treasury Board, said departments are working on plans to replace geriatric systems.

"Some departments are already advanced in terms of working on their plans on aging technologies," he said. "Others need to be given some prodding to get those plans done."

The laggards, he said, are being nudged.

The problem isn't just obsolescent equipment and programs, Fraser said. Fewer technicians are around who know how to deal with old systems. The companies that made the equipment may be long out of business, meaning spare parts are scarce and tech support is gone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Report highlights

Key points in Auditor General Sheila Fraser's report:

- Crumbling buildings on Parliament Hill could lead to "total failure" of some systems by 2013.
- Provinces are not properly monitoring spending, progress of eHealth projects, and key target will be missed.
- Most of Agriculture Canada's lab space and equipment is long past its prime.

Vancouver **Pixar comes north**

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British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell stands next to a figure of Sulley, from the Pixar movie Monsters Inc., during the opening of Pixar Canada in Vancouver yesterday. Pixar, a subsidiary of the Walt Disney Company, will make short films at the new studio.

News in brief

FUNDING The federal government is not taking into account the cost of its law-and-order agenda to local police forces, the country's largest police association said yesterday. Charles Momy, president of the Canadian Police Association, said municipal police are being saddled with national issues on top of traditional crime without financial compensation. Cyber crime, organized crime, emergency preparedness and national security are eating up police budgets, he said.

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Charges laid in alleged roofing scam

A roofer in Hamilton faces multiple charges after allegedly operating numerous fraudulent roofing and renovation businesses. Jason Dennis faces eight criminal charges, including fraud and money laundering, 29 charges laid by the Ministry of Consumer Services, and 13 violations of Hamilton bylaws. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ottawa tries to block docs

Censors frustrate detainee inquiry

The federal government is trying to block the release of documents to an inquiry on the issue of Afghanistan detainees.

The Military Police Complaints Commission has asked the government to turn over reams of documents, including a former foreign-service officer's reports of torture allegations in Afghan jails.

Nicholas Gosselin's reports weren't included in the paperwork already turned over to the military watchdog. Word of their existence emerged when Gosselin testified at the hearings last week.

Glenn Stannard

Acting commission chair Glenn Stannard asked government lawyer Alain Prefontaine when the hearing might get Gosselin's stack of reports.

"Documents will be turned over to the counsel when they're good and ready," Prefontaine replied.

Stannard admonished Prefontaine over that remark: "I find that close to offensive, not only to this panel, but also to the public."

The government lawyer later apologized.

Commission counsel Ron Lunau said it's hard to know what documents are out there when the government gets to "unilaterally" decide what gets released and what doesn't.

But Prefontaine said there are documents potentially relating to the transfer of enemy prisoners to Afghan authorities that should not be released.

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Good Neighbours to lend a hand

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Toronto

VOLUNTEERISM Yesterday marked the launch of a charitable initiative called the Good Neighbours Challenge 2010.

It was founded by Delta Hotels and Resorts as part of the company's corporate social responsibility program and aims to raise $1 million for various Canadian charities.

As part of the challenge, throughout 2010, Delta employees will volunteer 10,000 hours to charities and organizations in communities across the country, with a focus on four key areas — improving access to affordable housing, protecting the environment, supporting neighbourhood causes and volunteering.

"This commitment is about supporting local organizations and neighbourhood causes," said Hank Stackhouse, Delta's president and CEO. "It's also about volunteering in our own backyard to build a stronger community for everyone to share."

E-Talk host Ben Mulroney, who attended yesterday morning's launch, echoed that sentiment, saying: "Good neighbours are (the) foundation of any strong community. It's important to remember there are people in need right in our own neighbourhoods."

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The boxes may say Canadian, but new figures from Statistics Canada suggest this country's alcohol drinkers may be turning away from beer, in favour of wine and spirits.

Grapes before beer?

Wine sales up 161 per cent since 2000: StatsCan

The latest national figures suggest Canadian palates — at least when it comes to alcohol — are becoming somewhat more cosmopolitan.

In terms of absolute alcohol — pure alcohol, free of water — Statistics Canada says the sales of alcoholic beverages increased 1.6 per cent to 226.4 million litres in fiscal 2009.

But while beer by far remained the most popular alcoholic beverage in terms of both volume and dollar value, StatsCan says its market share declined.

In 1993, beer peaked at 53 per cent of dollar sales and wine accounted for 18; by 2009, beer's market share had declined to 46 per cent, while wine had captured 29.

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Beer and liquor stores and agencies sold nearly $20 billion worth of alcoholic beverages during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, a three per cent increase over the previous year.

Wineries and liquor stores and agencies sold $5.7 billion worth of wines, up 4.6 per cent from the previous year. StatsCan attributed much of the strength in wine sales to the rising popularity of red wines, which more than doubled in sales — up 161 per cent — between 2000 and 2009.

As for spirits, liquor stores and agencies saw a 2.9 per cent increase in the sale of spirits in fiscal 2009, due mainly to a 5.6 per cent increase in vodka sales.

Imported beer also continues to show sales strength. By volume, imported beer has more than doubled its market share in the last decade, outpacing that of domestic products.

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Board votes to ban smoking in parks

VANCOUVER In a city where more than 1,500 marijuana enthusiasts toked up openly yesterday on the grounds of its downtown art gallery, it will be illegal soon to light up a cigarette on a beach or public park.

The Vancouver Park Board has voted unanimously to ban smoking in parks, public beaches, playgrounds, trails and any of the other more than 200 open spaces it controls.

Ironically, that doesn't include the Vancouver Art Gallery, where hundreds of pot smokers lit up for the annual April 20 smoke-in to support legalization of marijuana.

The bylaw is not set to take effect until Sept. 1. Park commissioner Raj Hundal said it still needs city council to amend Vancouver's health bylaw to be fully enforceable.

Hundal pointed to a park board staff report showing similar bylaws have been successfully implemented in other B.C. municipalities and U.S. cities such as Los Angeles and Chicago.

Offenders could face fines comparable to the $250 to $300 penalties currently levied under the health bylaw.

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Civil rights pioneer dies at 98

Dorothy Height, who as longtime president of the National Council of Negro Women was the leading female voice of the 1960s civil rights movement in the United States, died yesterday. She was 98. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Palin email case closer to trial

A jury of 12 and two alternates was seated yesterday to hear a case charging a former college student with hacking Sarah Palin's email account, and the former U.S. vice-presidential candidate is expected to testify. The case involves David Kernell, left. He was a University of Tennessee student majoring in economics when prosecutors say he hacked into the Yahoo! account Palin sometimes used for state business.

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News in brief

SOMALIA The government yesterday backed off an order to close down radio stations in the capital that had obeyed an Islamist militia's order to stop playing music. The government order, issued yesterday and rescinded minutes later, prompted two stations to close because they said they feared retribution. Two others followed the government's order to start playing music again. The government on had demanded that four Mogadishu radio stations start playing music again or face closure.

IRAQ Iraqi and U.S. troops killed a regional leader of al-Qaida in Iraq in an early morning raid yesterday, as security forces continue to put pressure on the terrorist organization following the reported deaths of its two top-ranking figures over the weekend. Abu Omar al-Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al-Masri were killed in a joint operation Sunday in what U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden called a "potentially devastating blow" to al-Qaida in Iraq. The intelligence that led to the elusive leaders' desert safehouse came from the same source — an al-Qaida operative captured last month — that produced the information leading to yesterday's raid, according to a senior Iraqi military intelligence officer.

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Fixing the flight mess

Officials expect it will take weeks to get air travel back to normal

European airports lurched back to life yesterday, but the travel gridlock created by Iceland's volcanic ash plume was far from over: Officials said it would be weeks before tens of thousands of stranded travellers can be brought home.

Passengers wept with relief as flights took off from Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport, Amsterdam and elsewhere, while Britain announced its busy airports would reopen later in the day. The Eurocontrol air traffic agency in Brussels said it expected just under half of the 27,500 flights over Europe to go ahead, a marked improvement over the last few days. The agency predicted close to normal takeoffs by Friday.

It was the first day since the April 14 eruption of Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull volcano — dormant for nearly 200 years — that travellers were given a reason for hope. "The situation today is much improved," said Brian Flynn, deputy head of operations at Eurocontrol.

Rita and Peter Meyer said they had to share a hotel room with two strangers in Singapore while waiting to find a way home. News that they could fly home to Frankfurt came as they slept. "Just after midnight — after an hour's sleep — the phone rang (and they said), 'Everyone downstairs, get in taxis to the airport,'" Rita Meyer said.

But with more than 95,000 flights cancelled in the last week alone, airlines faced the task of working through the backlog to get passengers where they want to go — a challenge that could take days or even weeks. Passengers with current tickets were being given priority; those who had been stranded for days were told to either buy a new ticket or take their chances using the old one — a wait that could be days or weeks for the next available seat. "Once your flight's cancelled, you go to the back of the queue," said Laurie Price, director of aviation strategy at consultant Mott Macdonald, who was stranded in Halifax. "It seems intrinsically unfair." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ash plume shrinking, but ...

- While seismic activity at the volcano had increased, the ash plume appeared to be shrinking — though it wasn't moving very fast. Sarah Holland of Britain's Meteorological office said the plume was being held over Britain by a high pressure system that showed no signs of changing.

What's the fallout if Iceland's volcano spews ash for months?

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Cruelty video law struck down

WASHINGTON The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a law yesterday aimed at banning videos that show graphic violence against animals, saying it violates the right to free speech. The justices, voting 8-1, threw out the criminal conviction of Robert Stevens, who was sentenced for videos he made about dog fights. The law was enacted in 1999 to limit Internet sales of so-called crush videos, which appeal to a certain sexual fetish by showing women crushing to death small animals with their bare feet or high-heeled shoes.

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Philippines Candidate gets dubious endorsement

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Andal Ampatuan Jr., centre, a principal suspect in a massacre that killed 57 people, flashes the "Laban" sign, which means fight, as he is escorted by guards in Taguig, south of Manila yesterday. Philippine jail officials allowed the former town mayor to hold a news conference, where he stressed his innocence and endorsed opposition presidential candidate Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr.

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Afghan journalists get own press club

Afghan journalists, who risk life and limb to cover the news, have a new, secure location from which to operate in the country's second-largest city.

What is being called the Kandahar Press Club opened yesterday, giving local reporters a press centre in which to work, hold news conferences and file stories.

Local journalist Fazal Rehman says the centre gives the media community a place to meet and exchange ideas. He says healthy debate is important for Afghan democracy.

"The media plays a very good role in society," said Rehman through a translator. "Welcome. This is a house for all journalists."

The centre is located behind 10-metre-high concrete blast barriers, which were paid for by the Canadian government.

Canadian representative Ben Rowswell says journalists in Kandahar are aware of the risks, but the centre sends an important message to Afghans about the value of an independent media. At least two journalists have been killed over the past three years and many more have been threatened. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kandahar politician killed

Insurgents killed the vice mayor of the southern city of Kandahar as he prayed at a mosque, an official said yesterday, the latest brazen attack on government officials in the volatile region where troops are preparing for an assault on Taliban forces.

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Thailand **Red sea in Bangkok**

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Anti-government protesters guarding the entrance to their sprawling encampment in Bangkok's upscale hotel-and-shopping district, said yesterday they would fortify it before venturing out to "wage a big war" to topple the government in Thailand they decry as illegitimate.

Democracy activists dare police to shoot them

EGYPT Three dozen Egyptian activists demanding democratic reforms taunted security forces outside parliament yesterday with calls to "hit us with bullets" in protest of a warning that police could open fire on demonstrators.

Egypt's small opposition groups are becoming increasingly vocal in their calls for change before a parliamentary election in September and a presidential election in 2011. A small protest earlier this month was violently dispersed by plainclothes security who knocked down demonstrators and dragged them away.

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Canadian, U.S. military academies compete on cyber project

Six U.S. and Canadian military service academies are competing to see which can best defend a computer network from a cyber attack. The 10th annual Cyber Defence Exercise began yesterday and runs through Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adventurers set sail on recreating storied journey

PACIFIC Four adventurers set sail in an open boat from the Pacific nation of Tonga in a bid to re-enact the epic 7,040-kilometre survival voyage of Captain William Bligh of HMS Bounty fame when he was cast adrift by mutineers in 1789. Bligh, widely acknowledged as an expert seaman, sailed a 14-metre open longboat with 18 crew from near Tonga to West Timor in 48 days, surviving partly by catching fish and seabirds and drinking rain water.

The feat — achieved without charts or compass — has been portrayed in novels, poems and in several Mutiny On The Bounty films starring Hollywood luminaries such as Clark Gable, Marlon Brando, Charles Laughton, and Anthony Hopkins.

The new expedition is sailing in a seven-metre open deck boat, the Talisker Bounty, which sports two small sails. The team expects to take seven weeks to cover the distance.

Led by Australian Don McIntyre, the expedition includes experienced Antarctic sailor David Bryce from Australia, Hong Kong businessman David Wilkinson, and 18-year-old Briton Christopher Wilde.

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A man burns bags of painkiller Tramadol yesterday in Gaza City.

Gaza burns popular drug

Gaza's Hamas rulers yesterday burned nearly two million pills of a painkiller many Gazans take recreationally because they say it relaxes them and provides temporary relief from the territory's hardships.

The disposal of the drugs comes days after the Islamic militant group confiscated cigarettes from Gaza shops to collect taxes on them. Both moves are part of Hamas' efforts to strengthen its grip on Gaza and impose its strict interpretation of Islam on the impoverished seaside territory's 1.5 million Palestinian residents. Hamas Health Minister Basim Naim said authorities burned some 1.7 million pills of a drug called Tramadol that had been seized from smugglers who sneak it through tunnels under the Egyptian border.

Tramadol is a powerful painkiller, related to morphine and heroin, though most countries don't treat it as a controlled substance.

Experts have said that those who stop taking the drug after regular use often develop flu-like withdrawal symptoms, though long-term effects are rare.

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Old Habits Die Hard

Consumers Remain Complacent About Rising Car Insurance Rates

What Does Your Renewal Notice Say?

If you're like many consumers, your renewal notice is coming up again, a day you always dread. How much will your rate increase this year? With rates increasing by an average of almost 10% over the last 12 months across Ontario insurers, chances are your rate is going up again, even if your driving record has not changed. You might figure there is no point shopping around for a better rate since everyone's rates seem to be increasing. Better to at least save your time by signing back the renewal, just like you do every year, right? Wrong. You can save time and money on your car insurance…if you know where to look.

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Life can be obscured by clouds

TheWestView

Can you say Eyjafjallajökull? Never mind. It's hard enough just spelling it.

The aforementioned Icelandic tongue-tickler doesn't have the same electrifying verbal impact as Krakatoa or Vesuvius, both of which sound appropriately volcanic.

Krakatoa Katie, she weren't no lady, but Eyjafjallajökull has wreaked global havoc just the same, thanks to tonnes of volcanic ash it has unleashed into the atmosphere, shutting down flights over Europe. Turns out jet engines and grit don't go together.

In the last week, the cost of Eyjafjallajökull's eruption has been more than 9-11. The airline industry alone is losing $200 million per day, never mind tourism, trade, financials and all of the industries that rely on intercontinental air travel to keep them going.

And as I write, that damn volcano is belching new clouds of ash into the atmosphere, releasing more carbon than the annual output of a mid-size European country like Sweden or Poland.

Remember when air travel was a glamorous adventure? Now, thanks to Eyjafjallajökull and al-Qaida, it's a black comedy set entirely in the "terminal," a word with chilling implications: If the volcano keeps going, as volcanoes do, it could shut down air travel for years.

And what would that mean if we couldn't fly any more?

Civilization lapses back into the slow lane. Even the fastest train travels at less than half the speed of a commercial jet into a headwind.

It's difficult to imagine. No more strawberries from South America in January. We'd have to gnaw on roots from the cellar during those long winter months. Eat local ... or starve.

Distances become meaningful again as we are forced to relax into road trips and slow boats to everywhere. Exotic locales become exotic again, and that includes Hawaii, Puerto Vallarta and Pismo Beach. We are forced, by necessity, to rediscover our own neighbourhoods and communities. All roads lead through Winnipeg, the Chicago of the North.

The recovery of the economy, which depends on the speed of sound for its bounce, lapses into a slow turnaround, and multinationals lose their prefixes.

Web conferences turn convention centres and hotels into mausoleums. We plow them up into urban gardens and grow parsnips to supplement our meagre meals.

How likely is this nightmare scenario? Not very. (Which is almost too bad: It has a dreamy dimension that's hard to deny.) At some point, the human enterprise will rise to the challenge and build a volcano-proof jet. But the lesson is clear: Don't discount Mother Nature just yet. She's full of hard-to-spell surprises.

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Word on the street: What are you doing to mark Earth Day tomorrow?

Keren Gottfried
Toronto
A: I'm fixing up my bike, and then I'm entering a contest to win a new bike.

Peter Walker
Toronto
A: I'll be tallying how much driving I'm not doing and I'll pick up some garbage.

Christal Gardiola
Toronto
A: I'll stop bringing plastic water bottles everywhere, and I'll unplug my computer when I go to sleep because I usually never do that.

Brian Hoang
Ottawa
A: Now that I know about it, I'll probably plant a tree.

Kristen Kapty
Edmonton
A: I am going to take public transportation and maybe go outside if it's nice. I think it's important to try to save fuel on Earth Day.

Ernie Stuart
Halifax
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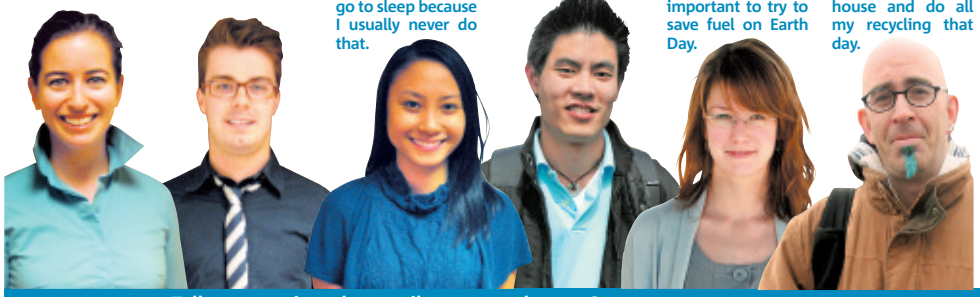

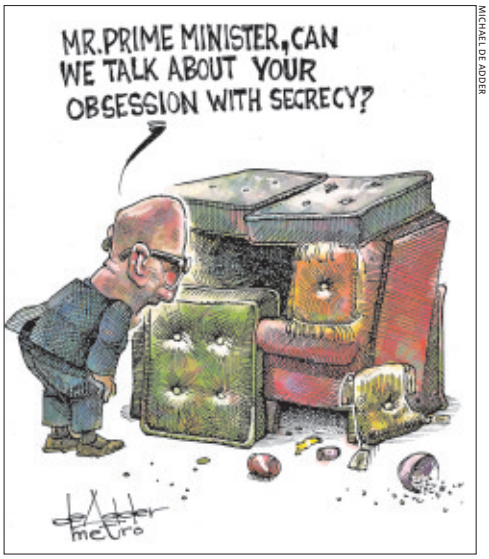

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Agnelli heir picked as Fiat chairman
Italian automaker Fiat, which controls Chrysler LLC, announced yesterday that Agnelli family heir and company vice-chairman John Elkann, 34, will move up to become board chairman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BoC signals rates going up

The Canadian dollar jumped nearly 1.5 cents within minutes after the Bank of Canada issued its first unambiguous warning that it is preparing to raise interest rates, while leaving the rate unchanged for now.

The central bank's policy statement yesterday surprised no one by keeping the trend-setting interest rate at the record low 0.25 per cent for another announcement date, but it was clear about where it was heading next.

The bank's governing council declared that with the economy and inflation growing faster this year than had been previously thought, there was no need to stay with its "conditional commitment" to leave rates unchanged until the end of the second quarter, or after June 30.

1.58 The loonie posted its biggest single-day gain in nine months yesterday. The Canadian dollar closed up 1.58 cents at 100.12 cents US

"Removing the conditional commitment to keep rates on hold until July and ending purchase and resale agreements are as good as cementing a June 1 hike," said economists Derek Holt and Karen Cordes Woods of Scotia Capital. "That leaves open the debate over whether (a hike of) 25 basis points or 50 basis points is likely." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sales dip hits profit at Harley

MOTORCYCLES Harley-Davidson Inc. said its first-quarter profit fell 72 per cent as sales of its high-end motorcycles remained sluggish in the face of an aging customer base and growing competition from rivals.

Harley-Davidson reported a profit of $33.3 million US in the quarter. That's down from $117.3 million, or 50 cents per share, in the same period last year.

The company said retail sales of its heavyweight motorcycles fell by nearly one-quarter in the U.S. International sales fell a much smaller 2.8 per cent.

The company has long said it is focusing more attention and investment in markets overseas, where it has more room for growth. Highlighting this shift, Harley said six U.S. dealerships closed during the first quarter but five new dealerships opened in India. Four more are slated to open in Mexico and one in Ecuador in the coming months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Goldman Sachs **Earnings double**

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Julie Mehretu's "Mural" in the lobby of the Goldman Sachs headquarters in Manhattan forms a backdrop as the company announced yesterday that its first-quarter earnings almost doubled to $3.3 billion US on the back of its trading business that again surpassed the rest of the financial industry. It was a bit of good news for the bank as it faces a government civil fraud charge.

Business in brief

MINING Employees at one of Lundin Mining Corp.'s key European mines plan to go on strike for a week in May — from May 5-12, the company said yesterday. The Toronto-based mining firm didn't provide reasons for the work stoppage by unionized workers at the Neves-Corvo mine in Portugal. Lundin is a diversified base metals mining company with operations in Portugal, Spain and Sweden producing copper, nickel, lead and zinc. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Descartes buys customs tech firm Imanet
Waterloo-based Descartes Systems Group has acquired customs brokerage and shipping technology firm Imanet for $6 million. The acquisition will add about 50 members to its global logistics network. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IMAX grows on 3-D demand

Canadian-based mega-screen theatre company IMAX Corp. said yesterday it will expand in Japan — the latest in a series of international deals inked amid growing demand for 3-D movies following the success of science fiction blockbuster Avatar.

The Toronto company, along with local partner Tokyu Recreation, will add five of its giant 3-D equipped screens in Japan over the next two years. Since Tokyu opened four IMAX theatres last year, box office receipts have exceeded expectations and convinced the Japanese company to build more.

The deal is part of IMAX's aggressive expansion, particularly in Asia, and follows a 15-theatre deal in South Korea last month.

IMAX is even looking to build a portable IMAX theatre, similar to an inflatable dome, that could be erected in days and seat 450. The idea holds promise for rural areas or live action sports events in parks. A prototype should be out by May, with possible launch in September.

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Overseas sales lift Coca-Cola

BEVERAGES Coca-Cola Co.'s first-quarter profit climbed 19 per cent as the world's largest drink maker continued to expand rapidly overseas. That offset persistent weakness in the U.S. as shoppers skimped on buying soda, water, juices and teas.

The results were weaker than analyst expectations. The company earned $1.61 billion US, or 69 cents per share, in the quarter. That's up from earnings of $1.35 billion, or 58 cents a share, in the same period last year.

Tastes

- About three-quarters of Coca-Cola's revenue came from outside North America in the quarter.
- North America is the world's biggest soft drink market, but sales have been weak as people shift to juices and teas.

Revenue rose five per cent to $7.53 billion.

Worldwide case volume rose three per cent, with international case volume growing faster at five per cent. The company has courted consumers in international markets as their economies improve, by pitching its drinks as an affordable luxury. In North America, shoppers have cut back on spending during the recession.

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Business in brief

TELECOM Chinese telecom equipment maker Huawei — once considered a key competitor to Nortel Networks — has opened a new research and development centre in Ottawa. The facility will focus on a variety of technologies, including wireline, wireless, optical and Internet protocol networking. The operations employ about 70 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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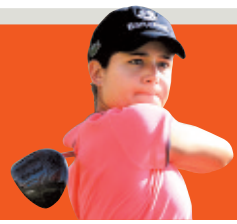
Reds pitcher suspended 50 games

Pitcher Edinson Volquez of the Cincinnati Reds was suspended 50 games yesterday following a positive test for a performance-enhancing drug. Volquez said in a statement he received a prescription in the Dominican Republic as part of treatment to start a family with his wife. He said the drug was banned by Major League Baseball. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports



Ochoa announces retirement

Lorena Ochoa, left, became the second LPGA Tour star in three years to step away from golf when she announced her retirement yesterday, following Annika Sorenstam in 2008. The 28-year-old Mexican published a statement on her website and will discuss her plans at a Friday news conference. Ochoa had more than $14.8 million US in career LPGA earnings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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VS

Jimmy Howard had a 29-save shutout and Henrik Zetterberg scored two goals to lead the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-0 series-evening victory over the Phoenix Coyotes in Game 4 last night.

Howard's saves included one without his helmet.

Phoenix will be at home Friday night, but has to return to Detroit for Game 6 Sunday.

Zetterberg's first goal stood after a video review, which didn't help the Red Wings get a call changed in their favour earlier.

Replays appeared to show Valtteri Filppula got a puck past the goal-line before it bounced on it, lighting the lamp. A video review upheld the on-ice decision to wave off the goal. It turned out to be moot.

Pavel Datsyuk also scored for Detroit.

Ilya Bryzgalov made 32 saves for the Coyotes.

The Vezina Trophy finalist stopped the first 24 shots he faced, then gave up goals on three of the last 10 against him.

Zetterberg scored with 4:27 left in the second period, making the puck flutter past Bryzgalov off a blast from Niklas Kronwall. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Detroit Red Wings Jimmy Howard makes a save without his mask behind teammate Niklas Kronwall last night in Detroit. Detroit won 3-0 to even their playoff series with Phoenix at 2-2.

Wells passes Carter with 737th RBI

MLB RESULTS

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VS

Vernon Wells continued his march deeper into the record books last night, doing his best to dampen the unhappy echoes from last season with another stellar performance in a win by the Toronto Blue Jays.

Wells hit a home run and a pair of doubles against the Kansas City Royals, powering the home team to a 4-3 win at Rogers Centre. He also moved past Joe Carter into sole possession of third place on the team's all-time RBI list, collecting the 737th of his career.

Shawn Camp earned his first win of the season, appearing in relief of starter Dana Eveland.

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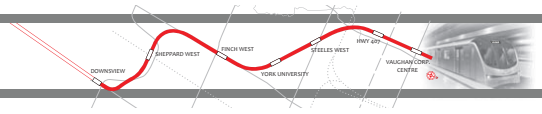

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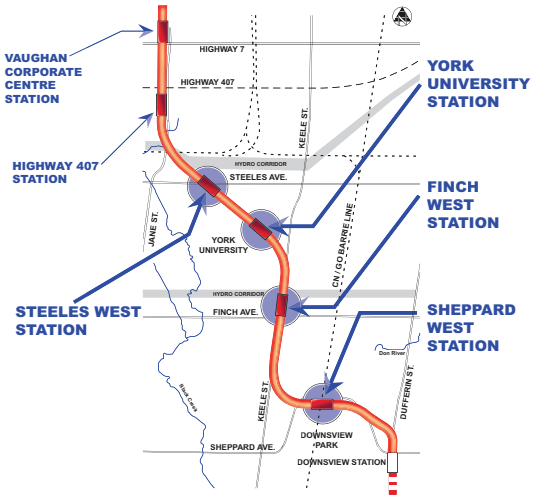

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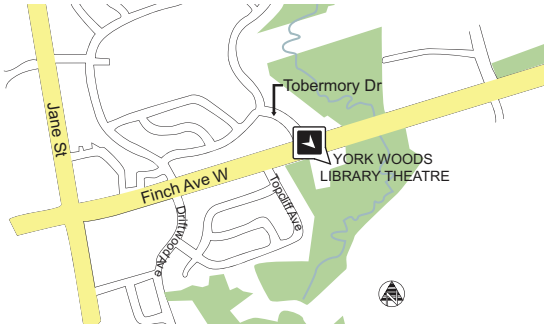

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL Colorado Rockies president Keli McGregor died in a hotel room in Salt Lake City, police said yesterday. Det. Rick Wall said two of McGregor's associates couldn't get in touch with him and someone entered his room at The Grand America Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City and found the 48-year-old McGregor unconscious yesterday morning.

BASEBALL Major League Baseball has dropped its five-game suspension of Seattle Mariners pitcher Cliff Lee. The team said yesterday that MLB vice-president of administration John McHale made the decision after Lee's appeal hearing last week.

NBA Dwight Howard won his second straight NBA defensive player of the year award after becoming the only player to lead the league in blocks and rebounds in the same season twice — let alone in consecutive years.

NFL The Buffalo Bills will host the Chicago Bears in a regular-season game in Toronto in November, the NFL team announced yesterday. The Bills and Bears will square off Nov. 7 at the Rogers Centre. It will be the fifth game of Buffalo's eight-game series in Toronto through the 2012 season.

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Babbitt enters NBA draft

Nevada sophomore Luke Babbitt has hired an agent and is forgoing his final two years of eligibility to enter the 2010 NBA draft. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Price or Halak? Martin won't say

It's decision time for Montreal Canadiens coach Jacques Martin — should he start Jaroslav Halak or Carey Price in goal against the Washington Capitals?

The debate is raging on radio call-in shows, Internet sites and no doubt on shop floors and around office water coolers all over Montreal.

But, as usual, Martin refuses to name his starting goalie until the day of the game, in this case, the perhaps pivotal Game 4 of the team's NHL Eastern Conference series at the Bell Centre tonight. The Capitals lead the best-of-seven series 2-1.

"I'm confident we have two goaltenders who can do the job so, for me, it's not a big decision," he said yesterday.

Halak took over the No. 1 goaltender's role in the final two months of the regular season and looked to have erased any doubts about his status with a 45-save effort in Montreal's series opening 3-2 overtime win in Washington.

He looked good again as the Canadiens jumped to a 4-1 lead late in the second period of Game 2, but then the roof fell in as the Capitals battled back for a 6-5 overtime win.

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Montreal Canadiens goaltender Jaroslav Halak is replaced by Carey Price Monday night after giving up three goals.

From the end of the second period in Game 2 to the 8:33 mark of the second period in Game 3, Halak let in eight goals on 30 shots, before he was replaced with Price.

The six-foot-three Price has a clear size advantage over the five-foot-11 Halak and feels that may be important against a big Washington team that likes to crowd the net.

"I'm a pretty big boy. I can handle myself and that could be an advantage for us," he said. "If they're still coming to the net and we don't retaliate, we could draw penalties."

Halak supporters say the 24-year-old from Bratislava should start because he is the goaltender that got Montreal into the playoffs and he shouldn't be punished for a bad stretch against Washington's high-powered attack.

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Sports in brief

NFL The Pittsburgh Steelers reacquired quarterback Byron Leftwich by dealing a seventh-round draft pick to Tampa Bay, a sign they expect Ben Roethlisberger to be suspended for the start of the season. Leftwich backed up Roethlisberger in 2008 when the Steelers won the Super Bowl.

BASEBALL The slumping Boston Red Sox put outfielders Mike Cameron and Jacoby Ellsbury on the 15-day disabled list and revamped their lineup for last night's game against Texas.

NFL Free-agent linebacker Jason Taylor agreed to a contract with the Jets yesterday, another bold move by New York that bolsters the league's No. 1 defence with a fierce pass rusher from the rival Miami Dolphins.

NHL Pavel Datsyuk will be looking for a third straight Selke Trophy at the NHL awards in June. The Detroit Red Wings star was nominated for the league's top defensive forward yesterday, joining Ryan Kesler of the Vancouver Canucks and Jordan Staal of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

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Manitoba school to get new mining technology

A consortium of industry and public-sector partners will soon unveil plans for a state-of-the-art mining academy in Flin Flon, Man.. Sources say the Northern Manitoba Mining Academy may include the latest technology in automated underground mining equipment simulators previously unavailable in the province. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Grad time tied to resources

A new study from the U.S.-based National Bureau of Economic Research suggests that the increase in the length of time needed to complete a baccalaureate degree in recent decades is concentrated among students who enrol at less competitive 4-year institutions and at community colleges. Results suggest that declines in collegiate resources in the less-selective public sector increased degree-completion time. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Knowledge key to new economy

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

In the new economy, old jobs require new skills and new jobs outnumber traditional ones so educational institutions need new teaching approaches to prepare students.

Michael Cooke, vice president of academic and advancement at George Brown College, says the increasingly knowledge-based economy means schools have to teach a much wider set of skills to students regardless of field.

"The nature of the economy has shifted in fundamental ways. Increasingly it's an economy driven by knowledge, information and services and we need to be preparing students today who can invent answers to all the new questions that arise," Cooke said.

Companies are leveraging employees' skills in ways that would have been surprising 10 years ago, Cooke says. Skills from a relatively new field like game design, for example, can be applied to things as varied as bank machines and online ticketing while technology has facilitated the creation of entirely new career paths like health informatics, which deals with the creation and management of computer-driven health records and databases.

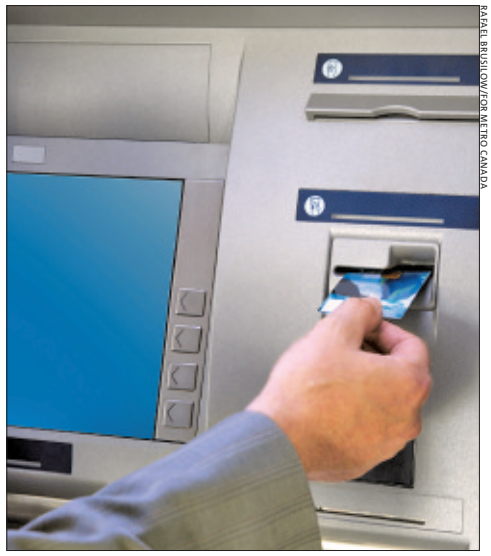
Even old careers like construction have completely new requirements where an emphasis on raw skills has been replaced by the need for practitioners versed also in technological collaboration, ecological methods, health and safety concerns and cost management. The management and manipulation of information itself has become just as crucial as foundational skills in most jobs.

"There are new jobs which are emerging rapidly and changing quickly compared to traditional jobs. In the past I don't think a nurse would have thought, 'I have to have great computer skills,' but today they have to. Even a car mechanic has to be a computer technician," Cooke said.

For 42-year-old former office secretary Cathy Cope, changing careers was a necessity after she lost her job. Now, after graduating from George Brown last December, she works as a career counsellor — a job she never even imagined doing when she started working 20 years ago.

Jessi Gillis, 23, a third-year Business Administration student at George Brown, is project manager of the Solid Ground literacy project at the school which provides financial educational for adults with developmental disabilities. She says she chose a program that offered a wide array of business skill training because she feels it will better prepare her for the real world.

"My generation is not focussed on the idea of one career — we're about building on many different careers and using those skills we've acquired to go for different opportunities in the workplace. I feel pretty confident I'll be able to find a job I'm interested in with the skills I'm learning now," Gillis said.



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Tribunals cause for employers concern

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Jessica Maciel and her son, 10-month-old Anthony, at home in Mississauga. The young mother was awarded $35,000 for a human rights violation after she lost her job because she was pregnant with the soon-to-be cute Anthony.

Canadian employers have historically taken an ignorant view of human rights tribunals and their often extraordinary decisions. But that may be quickly changing. Because of sweeping changes to human rights legislation and left-leaning adjudicators directed to interpret remedial legislation, such as human rights laws, in a broad and inclusive manner, employers should be very concerned. Here are some of the reasons why.

Broadcasting cases: When Jessica Maciel was fired from a hair salon after disclosing she was pregnant, the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal found her termination was due to her pregnancy. She was awarded $35,000 for lost wages, benefits and "punitive" damages.

The decision, while not novel, should give employers pause for two reasons. First, the Human Rights Legal Support Centre, a government-sponsored program that argues cases of discrimination on behalf of employees, sent out a mass press release broadcasting the decision. Employers rarely had to concern themselves with negative public scrutiny arising from seeing their names widely broadcast on the wrong side of a press release — until now.

Second, the broad panoply of potential damage awards for human rights violations considerably increases the scope and unpredictability of human rights litigation before provincial tribunals. Despite having worked for only one day, Maciel was awarded damages with little or no relationship to her actual losses. It is no wonder so many employees choose to claim damages before provincial tribunals instead taking their chances in the courts.

Cost awards: In civil court cases, the losing party pays a component of the winner's legal costs and cases cannot be summarily withdrawn without paying costs to the other side. Both rules deter frivolous or vexatious lawsuits from proceeding. But this is not so in the human rights regime, where employers must generally pay their own legal costs, no matter what the outcome. Employers are forced to settle many unmeritorious cases simply to avoid escalating legal fees.

Further, in Ontario, the aforementioned Legal Support Centre often advances cases on behalf of employees, without charging them a dime. Those claimants who can afford lawyers can opt to fire them and then qualify for free representation from the Centre.

Assumed jurisdiction: The most ridiculous aspect of Canadian human rights laws is that the tribunals often assume their jurisdiction to hear quasi-discriminatory matters before a hearing to determine whether that jurisdiction even exists.

In B.C., the Tribunal is currently hearing the case of Lorna Pardy, a lesbian who accused a comedian of discriminating against her at a nightclub, before a hearing takes place establishing the Tribunal's jurisdiction. It appears the Tribunal has it backwards.

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Carleton Orientation Week cancelled?
In a statement released yesterday, the Carleton University Students' Association reports that it and the Rideau River Residence Association received notice last week that Carleton has cancelled the CUSA/RRRA Orientation Week. The university announced yesterday new elements to Orientation week. METRO NEWS SERVICES

To earn now or learn for later?

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

The last few years have seen a decline in employment among young Canadians almost matched by a rise in enrolment in graduate school, according to Statistics Canada figures.

The number of grad students rose by five percentage points in the 2007/2008 academic year and the employment rate among Canadians aged 15 to 24 declined by 8.7 percentage points between 2008 and 2009.

David Ablett, a financial planner with Investors Group in Winnipeg, says people should weigh the investment required for upgrading education against the likely benefits.

"Grad school can offer career opportunity, personal growth, fulfillment and achievement. It can also leave you in considerable debt," says Ablett. "When weighing the options, it's best to understand the ways you'll finance your decision."

He cites Stats Can figures for 2005 saying the average income for a person with a bachelors degree was $58,767. For a grad degree, that rose 18 per cent to $69,230. Over a 30-year working period, that would equal an earnings boost of about $313,890.

An MBA costs about $50,000 on average and an EMBA (executive MBA) about $90,000. If a student had to borrow the entire cost, a debt of $50,000 would take 15 years of $400-a-month payments at five per cent interest to clear.

Further education also takes you out of the workforce for a number of years, costing several years' salary.

"Investing in education can be lucrative, but it is a big financial commitment and the decision needs to be weighed along with other life goals like owning a home, providing for a family and your retirement," Ablett says.

Would-be students in the workforce have advantages, he adds. They might have enough in savings to pay for all or part of their educational upgrade, including money drawn from RRSPs via tax-free withdrawals with the lifelong learning program.

"You can take out up to $20,000 over a four-year period. Once you've finished your course of study, you've got ten years to make the repayments to your plan," he says.

Workers can also take advantage of the tax-free savings account introduced a couple of years ago to sock away savings for future studies.

Potential students should also check out what bursaries and grants are available to offset the cost of tuition. Women pursuing doctoral studies, for example, can apply for a Canada Study Grant, Ablett notes.

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Food, water insecurity could impact business

Political and financial instability remain a feature of the business landscape as a result of the recession, according to Aon Risk Services, the global risk management and insurance brokerage business of Aon Corporation. The company launched its 17th annual political risk map earlier this year.

"With global warming changing regional climates and weather patterns and driving demand for bio-fuels, the world faces unprecedented food and water risks."
Sam Wilkin, Oxford Analytica associated director

The 2010 map introduces new indices looking at food, agricultural commodity and water supplies.

Sam Wilkin, associate director of the consultancy practice at Oxford Analytica, explains: "For the past 20 years, global population growth has outpaced growth in agricultural output. A run up in world food prices in 2007 and 2008 led to dramatic geopolitical events, from food riots in India, to worker unrest in Cambodia. Last month the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations warned that global food prices could quickly rise again.

"With global warming changing regional climates and weather patterns and driving demand for bio-fuels, the world faces unprecedented food and water risks"

There are two new icons on Aon's 2010 risk map: food and water insecurity.

They have been applied to the 30 most 'high risk''-countries — that is those countries potentially facing the most severe food and water insecurity in the medium to long term. These are all developing countries, mostly in Africa, which is in keeping with the conventional wisdom that the impacts of climate change will rebound hardest on the countries least responsible for global warming.

Many of the world's most productive agricultural regions are expected to see a decline in productivity if temperatures rise.

"Cocoa tops the 2010 Agricultural Commodity Supply Risk Index by some margin, as more than 75 per cent of global production is concentrated in four countries at significant risk of supply disruption," said Wilkin.

The food and water insecurity indices are not meant to be alarmist, according to Roger Schwartz, senior vice president of Aon Trade Credit.

"They are forward-looking assessments designed to be an 'early warning.'"

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Volunteer Week

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Help line does 'fabulous' work for kids

18 million reach out for advice on depression, drug use and bullying in 2009

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When Heather McInroy was in high school, she had a friend who used Kids Help Phone.

After hearing about how much it helped her friend — and needing 40 hours of volunteer work to graduate — the Toronto resident became a student ambassador for the non-profit charity.

She soon completed her 40 hours, but decided to keep volunteering.

"I really liked the people I worked with and volunteered with," said McInroy.

Now 20, the York University student has been volunteering with Kids Help Phone for six years. A student ambassador liaison, she does fundraisers and volunteer events, participates in the Walk for Kids Help Phone and speaks about the organizations at schools and for corporate sponsors.

Knowledge of the organization has changed since it began in 1989, said McInroy.

"Before, there were a lot of misconceptions about Kids Help Phone," she said. "Now, when I go to schools, a lot of kids will already know about it."

The organization has really grown, agreed Kids Help Phone Ottawa chapter chairman and past chairman of the Walk for Kids Help Phone committee Rob Dekker.

"I think there is a greater awareness of what Kids Help Phone is and what it does," the Ottawa resident said.

The organization "does fabulous work for kids across the country and for local children as well," he said.

Last year, there were 100,000 contacts through websites and phone calls from children in Ottawa, Dekker said. Canada-wide, there were 18 million contacts in 2009.

Kids ask about bullying, depression, drug use, peer pressure and how to deal with family situations, he said.

"It's such an integral service," he said. "Kids can connect immediately and confidentially.

"I think the website is key because the kids can go to the website and find a similar situation and follow the counselor's advice through the posting," he said.

"When issues are too difficult to discuss, the concern is too embarrassing to share, or when a child feels they might burden a trusted adult, any kid with access to a phone or computer can reach out to Kids Help Phone," said Sharon Wood, president and CEO of Kids Help Phone.

Dekker said he's seen his own two kids, now 15 and 18, go through different things.

"I know they won't come to me for everything," he said, "but it's important to me they have a place to go."

Correction

- The name of So You Think You Can Dance Canada's Tre Armstrong appeared incorrectly in a photo cutline for the Take a Dip story in yesterday's edition of Metro.

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Compact Versa shows class

Nissan's entry-level car generous in quality

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

When it came to entry-level cars, there used to be only a couple that were really worth the money.

The rest were playing off either their low price or buyers' ignorance about just how nice a car you can get for very little money.

In 2010, that ratio has virtually flipped, with an increasing number of hits and much fewer misses. And it seems like nearly every week there's some other company trying to break in.

Nissan has generally been on the "inside" with its small offerings, but this is especially true with its entry-level Versa.

Although it hasn't changed much in the three years since its launch, it remains an impressive lesson in packaging.

Somehow, Nissan managed to carve out a relatively grand interior from a modestly sized body. The design is hit-or-miss, though. The five-door hatch is pert, if not pretty, but the four-door sedan is awkward and best forgotten.

While there is a four-door door-crasher special with a less powerful 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine, starting with the hatchback improves things considerably.

Using a 122-hp 1.8-litre engine, the Versa is not a rocket, but using the six-speed manual transmission means it's easy to control.

The optional continuously variable transmission (CVT) isn't horrible if you can't or won't drive a stick. Fuel mileage is good given its competition at 7.9/6.3 L/100 km (city/hwy), so you'll stretch out your dollar between fill-ups.

Inside, the Nissan Versa boasts a simple, modern cabin with easy-to-reach controls and legible instruments.

Get behind the wheel, and you're presented with a simple, modern cabin with easy-to-reach controls and legible instruments. You always feel perched in the driver's seat, the better to maximize interior space.

Rear-seat passengers aren't ignored either, with generous leg room. Cargo space is limited, but there's room for groceries or other sundries.

Get out on the road, and the little Nissan's manners are comfortable, but not especially sporty. It doesn't flop like a fish, but it's no corner carver.

Acceleration is acceptable, and good gearing means it doesn't inspire panic during passing manoeuvres. The brakes are capable but wouldn't be up for track work...

The best part is that Versa starts at a very reasonable $14,198 although if you bring straight cash, you can get into a no-option sedan for four figures.

Nissan's biggest problem? That the Versa is so good at its job that the current one-size-up Sentra still can't deliver a solid reason why anyone should spend the extra money.

2010 Nissan Versa

Type: Compact sedan/hatchback
Price: from $14,918
Engine: 1.6L/1.8L
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Highlights

- Modern interiors
- Generous leg room for back-seat passengers
- Affordable price
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- Coast to decelerate: Coasting to a stop is like getting a free ride. When you notice that traffic ahead is slowing or stopped, remove your foot from the accelerator as soon as possible and coast to a stop.

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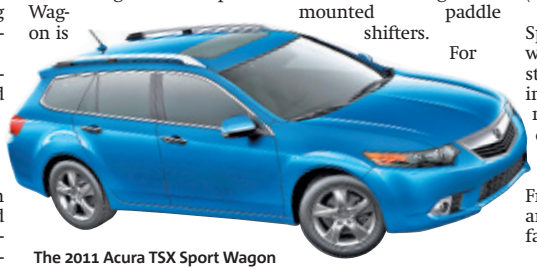
2011 TSX Sport Wagon stretches limits

NEW MODEL The all-new 2011 Acura TSX Sport Wagon offers a smart solution to modern utility needs with its balanced and efficient driving performance coupled with bold styling and versatile cargo capabilities.

The TSX Sport Wagon delivers flexible utility and generous interior space; perfect for those with a growing family or an active lifestyle.

The TSX Sport Wagon boasts an innovative and highly functional rear cargo space that includes a removable side panel to accommodate wider items such as golf clubs and integrated under-floor bins for hidden storage.

Powering the TSX Sport Wagon is a 2.4-litre, all-aluminum DOHC i-VTEC, inline four-cylinder engine paired with a Sequential SportShift 5-speed automatic transmission fit with steering wheel mounted paddle shifters. For the audiophile, the TSX Sport Wagon will be available with an Acura/ELS Surround Premium Audio System and a hard disk drive (HDD) for media storage.



The 2011 Acura TSX Sport Wagon

Additionally, the TSX Sport Wagon is equipped with an impressive list of standard features, including a power glass moonroof, dual-zone automatic climate control, leather seats, a premium sound system, Bluetooth HandsFreeLink, and USB port and AUX jack music interface.

FROM CARGUIDE

All ears for social media

J.D. Power has launched a new data platform, the Auto Intelligence Monitor, which "listens" to unprompted consumer conversations in social media and allows automakers to assess new-vehicle launches, brand images and marketing strategies in new ways. **CANADIANDRIVER.COM**

Head-scratchers and showstoppers

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

metronews.ca/autopilot

The auto show "season" is more or less over. It starts every fall, in either Paris or Frankfurt, and winds up in April in New York.

In the intervening months we see major auto shows in places like Tokyo, Shanghai, Detroit, Montreal, Chicago, Toronto, Geneva, Vancouver, and this year even Flin Flon — though that was probably an accident and not likely to be repeated.

So let's take stock of some of the finer and/or more interesting debuts we saw this season, because they could represent significant trends moving forward, and it's never a bad idea to contemplate bright, shiny objects.

Personal Transport Re-Think

Of the "envelope pushers" concepts brought to light this year, my faves were the Volkswagen L1 and Nissan Land Glider. Both position the passenger directly behind the driver, like on a motorcycle. The L1 is so named because its diesel-electric powertrain only needs 1 L of fuel to travel 100 kms. It looks like a big cigar, or worse.

The Nissan Glider is an EV, but its most cunning attribute is that it can lean like a motorcycle (up to 17 degrees), which should make it a blast (or at least interesting) to drive.

Also of note in this category is the Honda 3R-C Concept, a fully enclosed single-seat, three-wheeled device running on battery power. It looks aggressively high-tech, I'm guessing, so maybe you don't feel so vulnerable in your smallness.

Future High performance

This is a really exciting category, as automakers are realizing that electric power can simultaneously boost power and lower emissions. When you make stunning e-rides like the Audi e-Tron concepts, our conversion to electric propulsion will be done with little duress.

GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

The auto show season gave us the envelope-pushing Nissan Land Glider, left, and the VW L1.

One of the genuine surprises at the recent Geneva show was another car in this vein — the Porsche 918 Spyder. This concept combines the 500-hp V8 from the RS prototype races with two electric motors, for an additional 218 horses. It can go 198 mph and get 78 mpg if you baby it.

Significant high volume

The 2012 Focus compact represents Ford's first truly global platform — versions will be literally made and sold in every corner of the planet. A slick wagon/minivan version called C-Max is particularly compelling. Aided by the equally new Fiesta, it should re-establish Ford as a small-vehicle powerhouse.

The new Buick Regal is equally global; it's currently produced in China where it's selling like hot cakes, and will soon be built in Canada.

It's based on platform that also underpins Open Insignia, Buick LaCrosse, and the upcoming Cadillac XTS. The Regal GS concept unveiled in Detroit, with all-wheel drive and a 255-hp 2.0-litre turbo, tells us that Buick is (finally) serious about attracting younger buyers.

Significant head-scratchers

At Detroit, sitting by itself, with no display material or fanfare was a Lancia Delta fitted with a Chrysler grille. Lancia is one of the brands owned by Chrysler's parent company, Fiat. Not only did it seem odd, but also no one at Chrysler seemed interested in conveying why it was there.

Equally upsetting was the Aston Martin Cygnet — a very small and cheap Toyota iQ dressed in Aston Martin finery.

The Cygnet would only be sold to current Aston Martin owners, presumably for them to drive on city errands and such, when piloting their regular Astons might be deemed overkill. Speaking of death, this column is done!

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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Camaro awarded for design
The Chevrolet Camaro was awarded the World Car Design of the Year title at the recently concluded New York International Auto Show. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Maximum Zoom Zoom

The 2004/07 Mazda 6 lineup changed people's perception of how exciting a Japanese family sedan could be.

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

MODEL: 2004 to 2007 Mazda 6
VEHICLE TYPE: Sedan or Wagon
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $6,500 to $17,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: Capitalizing on a unique styling language, celebrated driving dynamics and a new "Zoom-Zoom" product ideology, the 2004 Mazda 6 hit the scene and quickly began changing the perception of how exciting a Japanese family sedan could be.

Shopped mainly for its fun-to-drive character, upscale looks and refined, modern interior, the 6 is a popular choice for driving enthusiasts after a sensible used family sedan.

Second Gear

Shoppers can look for a 6 with either a 2.3 litre, 160-horsepower four-cylinder engine or a 3-litre, 220 horsepower V6. Transmission choices for either engine included a five-speed manual or an automatic with between four and six gears — depending on the year in question. Unlike most competitors, the 6 offered a stick-shift, even with its larger engine.

Features included ABS brakes, power steering, power accessories and a tilting, telescopic steering wheel — depending on the model. Heated leather seating, side airbags, fog-lamps, heated mirrors, a CD changer and large alloy wheels could be fitted, too.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: No surprises here. Owners tended to praise the 6's styling, sporty handling manners, upbeat cabin and fuel mileage with the four-cylinder engine. Mazda 6 wagon owners also like the lifestyle appeal of their machines when it comes to family trips or outdoor sports.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Complaints tend to centre around the 6's smaller-than-average cabin and a large turning radius. Some owners of four-cylinder models wish for more power, and some owners of V6-powered models wish for better mileage.

COMMON ISSUES: Pay extra attention to the automatic transmission on any 6 you're considering that's equipped with one. Any shuddering, hard shifting, slipping or other questionable sensations from the gearbox need to be identified and addressed before agreeing to purchase. Owner reports are somewhat inconclusive and sporadic, but any of the above may be prelude to expensive transmission component troubles.

Note that refilling the Mazda 6's six-speed automatic gearbox with improper fluid could cause damage.

Stick with a manual-transmission model where possible, and if in doubt, take the used 6 you're considering to a Mazda dealership for a pre-purchase inspection.

Be sure to check out the condition of the paint, noting any excessive rust on the trunk area below the license plate and around the wheel wells.

Check that the climate control system and power seat adjusters both work properly, too.

THE VERDICT: Stick with a manual transmission in your used 6 where possible, and get ready to join a community of happy owners with a sporty and stylish family ride.

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British drivers have voted the iconic Aston Martin DB9 their favourite car of the past 25 years. The poll was conducted by Direct Line Car Insurance to mark its 25th anniversary. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lithium-ion batteries lead charge

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

With all the attention paid to electric cars, you'd think they'd be common on the roads by now. The major holdup isn't the car, but the battery: It hasn't been easy to find the right combination of power, weight and cost.

Lithium-ion batteries are the best choice right now, says Tom Baloga, vice-president of engineering for BMW North America. The company uses lithium-ion units in its ActiveHybrid 7 sedan.

BMW is using lithium-ion batteries in its ActiveHybrid 7 sedan.

Driving Force

"We have seen them in consumer electronics, and lithium-ion is taking over from other types of batteries for power tools," Baloga says. "Even though they are expensive, lithium-ion is the choice for battery electric vehicles."

Less-expensive nickel metal hydride (NiMH) batteries are currently used in hybrid vehicles, including BMW's ActiveHybrid X6, but lithium-ion is expected to replace these bulkier, less-effective batteries. "The X6 was developed years ago, at a time when there was uncertainty about the safety of lithium-ion batteries," Baloga says. "Now there are several layers of redundancies in failsafe protection. The temperature of the battery is very closely monitored, and in the event of a short circuit, it shuts down the battery."

Baloga also says that concerns over the supply of lithium, a rare-earth element, are unfounded.

"The consensus is that there is about 30 million tonnes of lithium supply in the world," he says. "If you assume that each battery uses about four kilograms per vehicle, that is enough lithium right now for seven and a half billion all-electric cars. That's 150 years of car production for the whole world.

"Recycling is also a critical aspect of any kind of battery that we have. Lithium-ion batteries will be highly recycled and the lithium can be used in other batteries, and that will further reduce the strain on the supply."

Before they're recycled, though, the batteries will probably have a secondary life: when they're no longer capable of powering a car, they can be used for stationary storage. "Energy companies are interested in using them for managing the power output to balance the grid," Baloga says. "They've got a life even before they go to the recycler. This has to all work together to reduce the initial cost. It's expected in future that customers might lease batteries as opposed to buying them outright.

"There's a lot of research going into new batteries, but I'm not aware of anything that looks more promising than lithium right now."

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A researcher at the Technische Universiteit Eindhoven in the Netherlands has developed a new type of diesel which emits far less soot than conventional fuel and uses industrial waste as its raw material. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

In love with convertibles

Interior designer Mawby a big fan of her Mercedes

MyDrive

Toronto-based interior designer Michel Mawby stars on the Discovery Channel series, Junk Raiders.

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Name: Michelle Mawby

Why's she famous: Toronto-based interior designer who stars on the Discovery Channel's hit design series Junk Raiders. She also provides her design expertise as a regular guest on CBC's Steven & Chris.

Her drive: A 2009 silver Mercedes CLK convertible.

Why the Mercedes CLK? It's my second one and I just love the car and I have to have a convertible (laughs). I love having a convertible. It's a very useful car because if I need to carry anything — rugs and chairs — I can just put down the roof and fit all sorts of things in the car. Every time you drive this car, it's like a little holiday.

What type of driver are you? I'm a bit of a split-personality driver. I'm from Vancouver, so I actually let people in, stop for pedestrians and stop for yellow lights, although I'm getting worse now that I've been in Toronto for nearly 10 years. However, if I'm late or really busy, I turn into an aggressive, scary, get-out-of-my-way driver. So I usually try to be the nice driver, but sometimes evil Michelle comes out (laughs).

What's your favourite feature of the car? GPS. It makes my life very easy, especially with my job.

Any vanity plates? No, I think the car's enough of a vanity. I saw a vanity plate the other day and I thought "oh, I could never do that."

What would we find in you trunk right now? Oh my god. I have a pink hard hat. Very cute. It's for when I go on build sites. I've got a pair of steel-toed boots. I have tile samples. I think I have two cushions and a pair of drapes in there right now. So lots of samples. It becomes like a little office. It's a mess. I need to get it cleaned.

Do you have an absolute dream car? I would like to have a chauffeur. To be driven around everywhere would be my dream. Not having to drive myself would be my favourite thing.

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Top down in Gran style

The 2010 Maserati Gran Turismo Convertible

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

Maserati adds a third model to its lineup for 2010, and yes, it's a looker. The Maserati GranTurismo Convertible (the automaker's first four seat convertible in its 96-year history) will be available in Canada this spring priced at $169,900 – that's about a $28,000 premium over the GranTurismo S Coupe, with which it shares most mechanicals.

Under hood is a Ferrari-derived 4.7L V8 that kicks out 433 ponies at 7200 r.p.m. and a torque peak of 361 lb.-ft. at 4750 r.p.m. It drives the rear wheels through a six-speed automatic transmission co-developed with German manufacturer ZF. Maserati's Skyhook adaptive suspension features continuously adjustable gas dampers with a sport setting.

2010 Maserati Gran Turismo

Type: Sports convertible
Price: $169,000
Engine: 4.7L V8
HP/Torque: 433 hp; 361 lb.-ft.

Highlights

- Adaptive suspension
- Maserati's first four-seat convertible
- Striking profile

There are two potential problems with taking one of the most beautiful cars on the road (grazie Pininfarina) and slicing off its roof: 1) you'll ruin its looks, and 2) you'll ruin its structural integrity.

Maserati has largely avoided both these pitfalls.

The three-layer fabric top (available in six colours) stays true to the lines of the coupe, and when it is folded, this Italian drop-top cuts an exceptionally striking profile.

The GT C has the longest wheelbase in its class and consequently a large area open to the sky, so much chassis stiffening was required — reinforced A-pillars, larger box sections in the sills, a torsion wall behind the rear seats and an aluminum under-body stiffener.

Over some of the more cobbled city streets of Rome there was some noticeable cowl shake, but overall this convertible felt very rigid. There is only a 100 kg weight penalty over the Coupe.

Maserati's mission with this car was to ensure maximum comfort for rear passengers. The rear buckets are contoured like the front chairs with a natural 22-degree rake.

At a smidge under six feet, I could sit behind myself — just. Those a little shorter will certainly be lodging no complaints, either with their beautifully trimmed accommodations or the 12-speaker Bose audio.

In recent years Maserati has arrived at a distinctive dynamic signature that melds robust free-revving V8s with a smooth and quick paddle-shifted six-speed ZF auto and tactile steering,

Pressing the Sport button on the console firms the Skyhook suspension, calls up a more aggressive transmission shift map, and allows the exhaust gasses to by-pass the mufflers above 3000 r.p.m.

With the road surface being quite damp on the mountainous portion of our drive, the leniency in the stability control allowed this inherently well-balanced drop-top to wag its tail in a very controllable fashion.

But what really impresses is the sound of that heroic 4.7L V8.

Unlike the Ferrari California, which spits and shrieks as only a Ferrari can, the mellifluous Maser (with the Sport button pressed, natch) first comes across as Enrico Caruso gargling with grappa, then escalates to the trumpet of a very pissed-off bull elephant.

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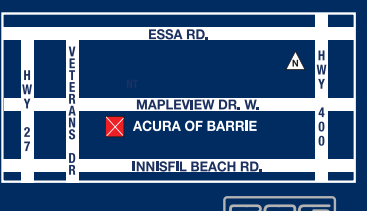

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Formula One breakthroughs often trickle down to cars made for ordinary driving.

Born on race track

Many F1 technologies end up in regular cars

ADAM HAY-NICHOLLS
Metro World News

"Race on Sunday, sell on Monday."

That's how Enzo Ferrari presented his business model in 1950, when his marque first entered Formula One with a car you could order in a showroom. The "commendatore" knew it made great marketing sense.

Now, of course, grand prix cars are nothing close to road legal, but some of the technology you take for granted on your family runaround was born on the race track.

ABS, turbo-chargers, traction control, composite materials, thin-walled castings, sensors technology and many other now-commonplace automotive staples were either invented or greatly refined in F1.

But that was a long time ago. These days F1 has more in common with the design of fighter jets in its use of composites, electro-hydraulic control systems and aerodynamic devices.

One of the more obvious F1-derived fads to hit the mainstream market is the semi-automatic paddle controlled gearbox, which debuted on the Ferrari 641 F1 car back in 1990. Toro Rosso F1 driver Jaime Alguersuari wasn't even born then.

More recently, Ferrari has been adding rotary switches to the steering wheel and removing all the indicator stalks, bringing the ergonomics of its 458 Italia much closer to that which Felipe Massa and Fernando Alonso call their office.

Formula One is developing Kinetic energy Recovery Systems (KERS), which were used in last year's championship by a handful of teams and could be set for a return in 2011. Energy generated through braking is used to boost the engine's horsepower. The Williams team has developed an innovative flywheel system, which will become available on Porsche's road-going GT3. The trouble is, you need to drive like Schumacher to the shops if it's going to work.

It's the areas of process and safety where F1 is now most road-relevant. The Euro NCAP standards were inspired by F1 structural and impact testing.

All the manufacturers involved in F1 have an exchange program that rotates engineers across different departments — some competition-based, others road-focused — and there can be synergy. The BMW 7-Series has onboard microprocessors which run the engine management system and memory technology in its internet and navigation systems, and these were first deployed and tested by BMW in F1.

Where the sport most impresses is in its rapid prototyping techniques. Of the car that begins the season in March, only 20 per cent of the design will remain when the season ends in November. The car will gain between two and three seconds over the season, often by thousandths-of-a-second increments. Essentially it is reinvented for every race.

Given manufacturers need to create lighter vehicles with ever-diminishing lead times, this sharing of experience and techniques carries a greater premium than the actual direct sharing of technology.

But, even if the modern crossover is limited, F1 can sex-up existing technology by taking it further. "There's quite a lot of consumers who don't think it's terribly sexy to drive around in a Toyota Prius," points out Williams co-owner Patrick Head.

"F1 can change that. Regardless of whether our actual system is relevant to road cars, if it makes the very idea of owning a hybrid car sexy, and people go out and buy a more efficient road car as a result, then having KERS in F1 won't have done any harm."

Evolution road

- **Carbon monocoque chassis:** The 1981 McLaren MP4/1 was revolutionary, with its stiff, lightweight carbon tub. It took 11 years for it to filter to the road, first with the McLaren F1 road car. The Ferrari F50 followed, which was the first road car to follow F1 and bond the rear suspension to the engine and gearbox.
- **Paddle shift gearboxes:** Ferrari's 1990 F1 car, driven by Nigel Mansell and Alain Prost, was the first to use a clutchless semi-auto 'box with flappy-paddle sensors. By 1995, all F1 cars had it. A road-going system first appeared in the Ferrari 355 in 1997.
- **Composite brakes:** F1 cars use carbon fibre composite disc brake discs, which save weight and operate at higher temperatures than steel discs. These materials are extremely expensive, but most high-end sports cars offer these at a 30,000 Euro premium. Ferrari has them standard across the range.

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It's important to know the correct ways to install a child seat and properly secure your kids.

The right way to use child seats

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

You may see confused friends trying to select or install a child seating their vehicle to prepare for a new baby. Lots of questions typically present themselves. Where does the seat face? How is it attached? What kind do I need? When will I need to move up in seat size?

Listen up, mom and dad. The Ministry of Transportation says that up to 80 per cent of child-seats aren't installed correctly. That's a nasty statistic given that properly-installed child seats can reduce the risk of serious injury or death by over 70 per cent.

For infants, proper seating is in a rear-facing child-seat, away from an airbag, until they weigh in at over 20 lbs.

Ministry officials say that the seat should rest at a 45 degree angle between vertical and seatback, and have no more than an inch of movement in any direction at the base. Parents need to ensure that straps are clipped in properly, and that there's no more than a fingers worth of slack in said straps at baby's collarbone. The chest clip should be flat across the baby's chest at armpit level, too.

"The Ministry of Transportation says that up to 80 per cent of child-seats aren't installed correctly."

Once your baby passes 20 pounds in weight, they can ride a forward-facing child seat — which may be attached by a seatbelt or a tether-strap and anchor system called LATCH. The abbreviation stands for Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children.

LATCH includes various mounting points that help owners attach a seat without having to use the vehicles' actual grown-up seatbelts. You'll need to check your car and your child seat to ensure that they're LATCH compatible — but most made after 2002 are.

Remember, LATCH is an option intended to make mounting easier. If your vehicle doesn't have it, you can still install a child seat safely using the standard seatbelt. If your car is an older model, it may be possible to have a LATCH-style tether anchor retrofitted. Your dealership has more information.

Should little Stewie outgrow a forward-facing child seat prematurely, he'll require a booster seat. Only once he turns 8, weighs more than 80 pounds or stands taller than 4'9" is he ready for normal seating like the big kids. College is right around the corner.

Once the transition to the big-boy seats are made, the child should sit comfortably against the seatback with legs bent off the edge. The seatbelt needs to cross the shoulder and middle of the child's chest, and the lap-belt needs to cross the hips, not the stomach.

Check your new car seat for a CMVSS (Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards) certification sticker and be sure that it comes with proper instructions and all hardware necessary for proper installation.

2011 Mazda2 pricing announced

NEW MODEL The all-new 2011 Mazda2 will arrive in Canadian showrooms early this summer with a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price of $13,995.

Completely designed and engineered by Mazda in Japan, where the car will be produced, the 2011 Mazda2 five-door subcompact represents a new entry point into Mazda's lineup, fitting in under the popular Mazda3.

The 2011 Mazda2 will be offered in two trim grades: GX and GS.

Both trims are powered by Mazda's MZR 1.5-litre, four-cylinder 16-valve DOHC engine mated to a five-speed manual transmission, and come with an extensive list of standard safety features including an Anti-Lock Brake System and advanced dual front air bags. **FROM CARGUIDE**

Acura ZDX wins breakthrough award

The Acura ZDX has won the design breakthrough honour at Ward's Auto Interior of the Year awards, North America's only honours for excellence in automotive interiors. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Subaru offers new Impreza

The 2011 Subaru Impreza WRX STI

Subaru has introduced a new four-door version of its Impreza WRX STI performance flagship model.

This will be the first time that the WRX STI has been offered in two body styles (five-door and four-door).

In addition to the new styling, the 2011 WRX STI features significantly revised suspension tuning and lighter 18-inch wheels for even sharper handling.

The WRX STI has been a recipient of continuous improvement since its introduction.

The Subaru WRX STI was already a highly optimized performance machine. Aluminum front lower L-arms reduce unsprung vehicle weight.

Major chassis tuning changes include a lowered ride height and new pillow-ball bushings in front and stiffer bushings for the rear subframe that supports the double-wishbone suspension — these improve camber and toe stiffness.

The 2011 WRX STI continues as the ultimate-performance Subaru with its high-boost 305 hp turbocharged/intercooled four-cylinder Boxer engine and six-speed manual transmission.

The STI also features Multi-Mode Driver Controlled Center Differential (DCCD) version of Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive with three "Auto" modes, as well as a manual mode with six driver-selectable differential locking settings.

The WRX STI is equipped with advanced dynamic control systems, as well: the Multi-Mode Vehicle Dynamics Control (VDC) stability and traction control system is standard and features a track performance-optimized mode; Subaru Intelligent Drive (SI-DRIVE) technology allows the driver to tailor the car's driving characteristics by choosing from among three selectable modes — "Intelligent," "Sport" and "Sport Sharp" — using a rotary dial on the centre console.

FROM CARGUIDE

Is the annual auto tune-up myth or fact?

MAINTENANCE It used to be one of the standard pieces of auto maintenance advice given to young drivers: a car needs to be taken in for a tune-up once every year.

As time has gone on however, vehicle technology has improved and standard maintenance schedules have changed, leaving many drivers uncertain about what exactly a tune-up now entails, and whether their car even needs one at all.

"The old rules no longer apply," said Megan Currie, Honeywell Consumer Products Group group marketing manager. "Some vehicles need a tune-up every two years or 48,000 kilometers, while some new vehicles can go as long as 161,000 kilometers before needing one. It's important to check your owner's manual for your vehicle's standard maintenance schedule and take it in for routine care."

When the term "tune-up" was first coined, it literally referred to the practice of tuning an engine's ignition timing. In modern vehicles, this is handled by computer, and the term is now used to refer to a single vehicle service that typically involves installing new spark plugs, fuel and air filters and ignition wires along with a quick test of the computer.

"Be sure that if you don't plan to do the job yourself, you take your vehicle to a qualified shop," Curry explains. "They'll be able to explain exactly what needs to be done."

Either way, it's smart to get educated on what type of plug you can have installed since not all spark plugs are created equal and many are made with different metal types. The most advanced spark plugs are made with iridium and platinum and feature what is called finewire technology. These plugs are a fantastic choice since the finewire centrewire in a premium plug, like the Autolite XP Xtreme Performance plug, lowers the voltage required from the coil to make the spark jump.

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Qatar Visa rules changing

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Step behind the walls of Cartagena

Metro finds the places to eat, stay and drink within Columbia's walled city

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Colombia may have the reputation of a recovering addict, but the walled city of Cartagena is an explosive cocktail of colonial culture and pristine beaches.

Metro finds the places to eat, stay and drinks in Cartagena.

WHERE TO WAKE UP

The Charleston

hoteles-charleston.com

Start the day with a dip in the cool water of the outdoor swimming pool. Built on the rooftop, it allows you to get one of the most memorable views of the town.

The Charleston was built as a convent for the Carmelita nuns, then used as a jail and pasta factory. It's now one of the the most luxurious hotel within the walled city.

SPEND THE MORNING

Shopping ...

The walls of coral, limestone and brick that surround the old town have protected its people for hundreds of years.

Take in the magical surrounding of eerie churches, crowded plazas and colonial mansions painted in eccentric hues of ochre and rose.

Pick up local crafts, painted wood masks and clay figurines from Plaza Santo Domingo or a "palenquera" (street vendor).

WHERE TO LUNCH

La Casa de Socorro

Calle Larga, No. 8B-112

Order a chilled Colombian beer as you kick back, relax and wait for your food to arrive.

The rustic interior is warm and welcoming and food wise — from crab claws with fragrant coconut rice over to shrimp or tangy fried plantains — you won't leave hungry.

SPEND THE AFTERNOON

Dreaming and diving ...

rosarioislands.com

Islas del Rosario, an archipelago of 27 sleepy islands offers the simple pleasures of sand, coral reefs and crystal clear waters to offer — and very little else. It's a beach-lover's paradise.

Spend the afternoon diving, snorkeling or sprawled out in the sunshine. Despite Cartagena city's energy it's blissfully peaceful.

WHERE TO HAVE DINNER

La Vitrola

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A stone's throw away from the former home of surrealist author Gabriel García Márquez (Love in the Time of Cholera) La Vitrola, (Calle Baloco), mixes Cuban chic with old school charm.

Try the "ropa vieja" (avocado, plantain, shredded beef and beans) and there should always be a bottle of aniseed liquor behind the counter — a great way to get in the mood for dancing.

HOW TO SPEND THE NIGHT

Café del Mar

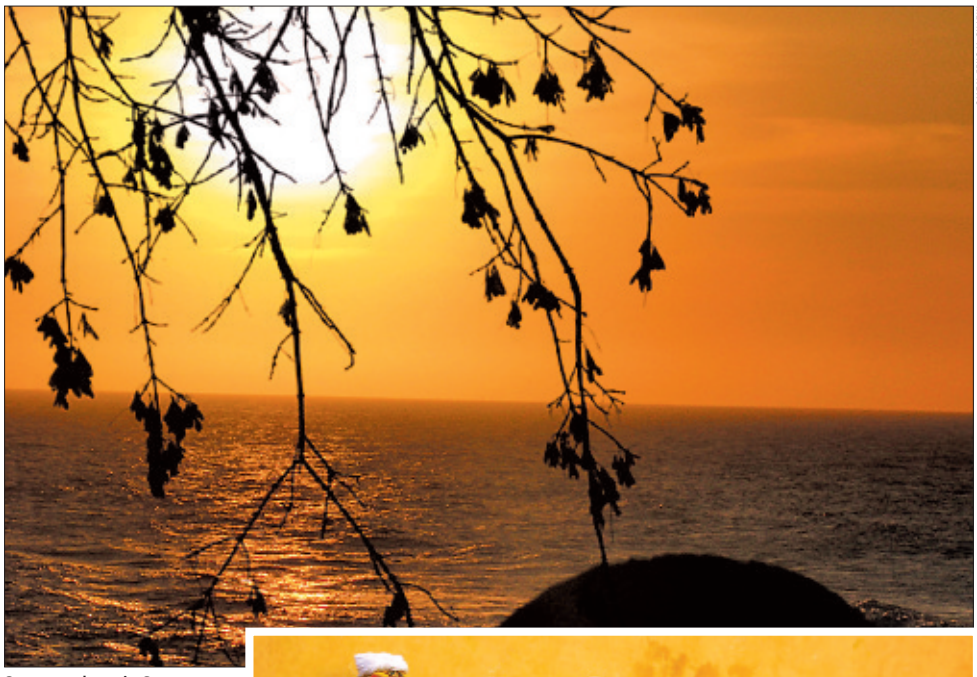
cafedelmarcolombia.com

Sip on a Piña Colada as you watch the sunset perched on one of the stool's of the Café del Mar.

Music flows through the veins of the Cartageneros and almost all main squares come alive at night.

Although somewhat limited in floor space Donde Fidel (Plaza de Loc Coches) is one of the best salsa clubs in town.

Plenty of colonial charm



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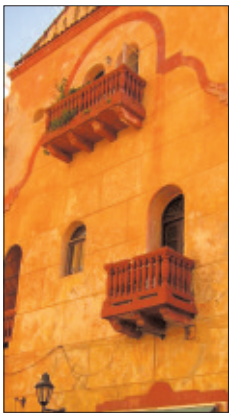
Sunsets aplenty in Cartagena.

Colourful characters and fruits can be found beyond the walls of Cartagena.



Colonial architecture is everywhere in Cartagena.

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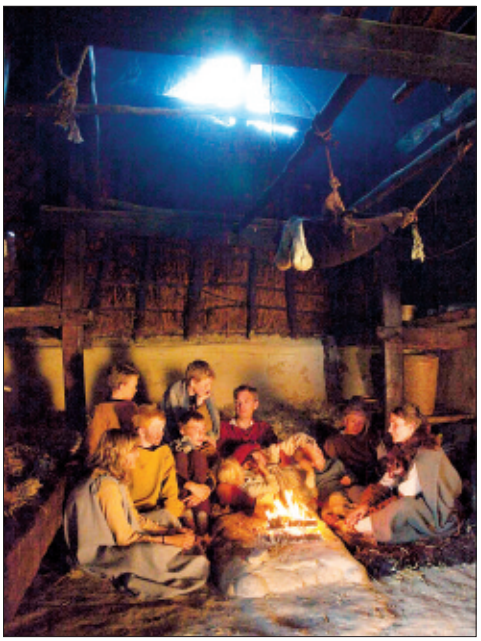

You will sleep on sheepskin rugs and under the open skies.

Stepping back in time

Denmark village gives tourists a taste of Iron Age living

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

It sounds like a vacation designed by kids — playing outside in the sun, with random farmyard animals to torment, swimming in lakes, sleeping under the stars and absolutely no baths.

For a week.

Which is weird because this is the Iron Age Village at Lejre, in Denmark — an experimental archaeology centre set in 100 breathtakingly beautiful acres.

It's basically the Stone Age, Iron Age, or Viking era here and you're thrown into it with a pretty much sink or swim attitude.

Lejre is a living museum and for a week you are expected to wear the clothes, do the work and live the lifestyle of our 2000-year-old ancestors — often to the bemusement of other visiting Danish tourists.

But don't get bent out of shape, failing is part of the fun.

And, after the initial culture shock, the whole experience makes your modern family entertainment options seem impossibly tame in comparison.

You will share your time with about 25 others as you walk on bare earth, sleep on sheepskins and bathe in the lake.

Your toilet?

It will be a hole in the ground — try not to make a mess.

You will work four or five hours a day forging iron, weaving rope, grinding flour, fetching water — whatever needs doing to make the village run you will be doing it.

Hard labour may not seem like much fun but as you lose your self in the era you will begin to love that too.

Because this is not just another whacky camping trip but both a valuable experiment and a real conduit to another era — one with no TV, no media, and no deadlines other than sunrise and sunset.

And its amazing how connected you soon feel to our ancestors and how much smarter they suddenly seem to be.

You'll enjoy it so much you'll never want to return to the 20th century.

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Set on a 100 acre lot, this archeological experiment is full of lush landscapes.

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King Tut returning to conquer Seattle
The treasures of Egypt's boy pharoah are returning to Seattle. An exhibit of artifacts from King Tutankhamun's tomb opens at the Pacific Science Center in 2012, more than 30 years after the boy king first captivated Seattle. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Summer swimming in Sweden can reach 20 C.

Island hopping around Sweden

See Stockholm's gems by boat

JESSICA CARLESON
Metro World News

Stockholm is built on 14 islands and has a vast archipelago, easily accessible and with a broad range of activities.

You can cruise it in style, and splurge on seafood onboard or at top end restaurants on islands Oaxen and Grinda. You can island-hop budget style on the white boats that crisscross the 24,000 islands — from Landsort in the south to Örskär in the north and Svenska Högarna in the east — or experience the beauty and serenity of Stockholm's archipelago paddling in a kayak. The unique Swedish law Allemansrätten — the Right of Public Access — gives everyone wide rights to roam and camp even on privately owned land.

Day-trips to islands Finnhamn or Grinda are perfect for swimming (and jumping from the cliffs), fishing and lovely walks. There are well-serviced youth hostels on these and many other islands. Advanced bookings are advised especially around Midsummer in late June — a holiday when every Stockholmer who can will go to the archipelago.

The water gets warm enough for a dip reaching temperatures around 18-20 C in July and August, which is swimmable at least for Swedes. The islands are everything from tiny rocks to ones with forests, sandy beaches.

Must see islands

1 Grinda: The boat trip here takes about two hours. There are beaches and rocks to swim from, a hostel, good restaurant and lovely nature to explore. Good fishing

2 Finnhamn: There are forests with great walks and you can find your own cliff to sunbathe on watching the sailboats cruise past

3 Sandhamn: Here's where sailors congregate at the Royal Swedish Yacht Club and there's a lot of partying in the summer. Enjoy the village and then walk through the forest to the glorious beach

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Bouncing back from the brink

Metro readers name Bali top destination, despite island's struggles

EUGENE HENDERSON
Metro World News

Bali has been voted the world's most desirable holiday destination in a massive global survey carried out by Metro.

More than 6,500 Metro readers from across the world said the fabulous Indonesian island was the number one place they would most like to visit.

The result is further proof Bali's holiday industry has finally fought back from the brutal bombings in 2002 and 2005 which decimated tourism on the island.

Bali picked up almost 26 percent of the global vote, edging Japan into second place with 21 percent.

The country is set to get a further shot in the arm later this summer when the Julia Roberts movie Eat Pray Love opens. Roberts plays writer Elizabeth Gilbert who gets over a bitter divorce by finding peace in a Balinese village – and the Hollywood treatment of the island is spectacular.

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Bali is easily one of the world's finest travel destinations.

Romano Campione, sales and marketing director at one of Bali's premium hotels, the Melia, said "Bali offers a unique combination of beauty, tranquillity and spirituality that appeals to everyone. Add to this a fantastic climate and the incredibly friendly and welcoming locals and it's easy to see why people love the place."

The surprise third place in our Metro survey went to Iceland. Rejkavik has been in the news for all the wrong reasons since the country teetered on the edge of bankruptcy but the the island's unique geography is still clearly a big draw.

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White sandy beaches stretch the lengths of Bali.

Metro World News Global Travel Editor Paul Baldwin was surprised by the runners up.

Voted No. 1 destination by readers

"Our global survey was fascinating. Bali was no big surprise as is genuinely one of the finest travel destinations in the world but Japan coming second was really interesting and Iceland came out of nowhere," Baldwin said.

"Japan shows that travellers are just as interested in learning about other cultures as vegging-out on a tropical beach… though we love doing that too.

"And Iceland will be delighted with the news. It seems that neither over-expensive beer or catastrophic financial collapse can keep a good nation down."

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Scuba diving in Oman offers clear waters and great reefs.

Look beyond the sky-high buildings and clanging cranes of Dubai and you will soon be faced with the craggy cliffs and unspoiled natural beauty of its neighbour, the Sultanate of Oman.

Long perceived as a secluded and faintly hostile land, Oman is in fact a hidden gem quietly revealing itself to the travelling world.

Whether you would rather spend your time lying on a deserted beach of pearl white sand, swimming in gorgeously warm seas or revving up the engine of a 4x4 as you take on the desert dunes, a halo of magic envelopes Oman.

SIGHTS AND THE SEA

The closest you'll get to glitter and glamour here is strolling along the beautiful pearl hued beaches as you take a dip in the water that runs parallel to the thriving city of Muscat.

Oman's capital city is rich in contrasting sights, one moment you will be hiking up the craggy hilltops, the next you will be meandering your way around an ancient fortress or haggling with fishermen over the price of their catch. The clear water is perfect for scuba diving and snorkeling, and the coral reefs are particularly spectacular (omandiving.com).

STORMING THE SANDS

Oman's shifting desert sandscape is perhaps best explored from the wheel of a 4x4. Test your driving skills as you charge up the desert dunes.

Swim in the crystalline waters of the desert wadis (green oases of palm trees) to dust off the sand from the drive. Nights in the desert are notoriously chilly, so light a fire and gaze at the dazzling star speckled sky — all from the cozy comfort of your Bedouin camp.

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Bond faces cash problem
The next James Bond sequel, tentatively titled Bond 23, has been put on hold due to MGM's financial troubles, according to Variety. Producers say the next Daniel Craig 007 instalment is facing a foe as nasty as Dr. No or Scaramanga: Cash woes. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

MTV host
Park and Recreation's Aziz Ansari will host the 2010 MTV Movie Awards. "I'm so happy Ronnie from Jersey Shore was unavailable and this exciting opportunity was able to come my way," Ansari said. TVGUIDE.COM

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Oceans come to life

Oceans is an extraordinary technical achievement for Disney.

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Four years in the making with an unprecedented scale of production, Disney's latest nature feature Oceans is an extraordinary technical achievement.

Audiences are treated to remarkable images of undersea life that have never been seen before because the technology and resources to capture the footage didn't exist.

When the movie opens on Earth Day, cinema screens will be filled with stunning high-definition images of blue whales, dolphins, sharks, and other oceanic favourites in a scope that will demand jaws to drop.

It's a cinematic experience that has never quite been delivered before, just ask Rob Stewart a longtime Canadian underwater photographer and director of the Oscar-nominated documentary Sharkwater.

Oceans opens in theatres tomorrow

"I honestly felt a little divided between jealousy and excitement about what was achieved," Stewart told Metro. "They lived our (dream): To be able to spend as much time underwater as you want with the best camera technology in every ocean on the planet to delivery the majesty of this world to the public in a new way."

Stewart was able to spend time on the set of Oceans and admits to being blown away by the scale of the production that co-directors Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud (Winged Migration) had assembled. Stewart describes the filming process as being "radically different" from anything he'd seen before.

"The way I made a movie was with one camera, two assistants and me. They had between 20 and 30 people on set with joystick cameras, remote control vehicles, and robots with cameras built into them. They basically took the best of the technology from the surface and make it available underwater" revealed the director.

"It was a totally different way of shooting and that's why they got these images that are perfect, crisp, and beautiful."

Oceans might expand the possibilities of what can be done in this medium in the future, but it's not simply a technical exercise. The movie also sends a strong message about the importance of conservation, featuring some sobering satellite images of pollution flooding into the oceans.

"The satellite images show pollution run off from agriculture, fertilizers, and nitrates have caused dead zones in the oceans. These are areas with no life whatsoever. There are over 400 dead zones in the oceans including one that takes up most of the Gulf of Mexico," explained Stewart.

"That's why the movie Oceans is so important. To the general public the oceans are out of sight and out of mind. They don't know that 90 per cent of life on Earth lives in the oceans or that oceans give us 70 per cent of the oxygen in the air that we breathe.

"So, to bring people the majesty of the life underwater is going to give them an appreciation for these animals and make them care about the fact that they are being destroyed."

It's a strong and important message that will hopefully raise awareness for such environmental concerns.

Audiences who see the film during the first week of release will actually help the cause as a portion of the proceeds will be donated to ocean conservation. Just think, you can actually help the environment from the comfort of an air conditioned movie theater.

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Doctor David in the house!
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No need for a back-up plan

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Alex O'Loughlin has become a regular presence on TV screens with work on The Shield, Moonlight and Three Rivers — and he just finished filming the pilot for a remake of Hawaii 5-0.

But the hardworking Australian actor is no stranger to movie screens either. In his latest, the romantic comedy The Back-Up Plan, he goes toe-to-toe with none other than Jennifer Lopez. O'Loughlin sat down with Metro to talk about working with J.Lo, film versus television and his undying love for vampires.

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Alex O'Loughlin and Jennifer Lopez cozy up in The Back-Up Plan opening Friday.

Q What was it like going up against J.Lo?

A It was fantastic. It's funny when you word it like that, going up against her. It's like, yeah I guess I sort of was in a way. But it never felt like that. She's a pro, she's completely approachable. I mean, we met and became buds before we did the thing, so by the time it was first day on set, cameras rolling, we were like old mates, which is great. I think it's really important. If you go back and watch romantic comedies where people haven't been friends, it doesn't really work.

Q How exactly did you bond before filming?

A I flew up and met her and Mark and the kids at their house in Long Island and just hung out. You know, you meet people in life and you either have chemistry or you don't. I think as an Aussie and just who I am as a person, humour is a really important part of my life. My mates and I are always giving each other a hard time and breaking balls. When I get to know someone, if I'm interested in them as a person, I sort of do a bit of that. I just test the waters a bit. And she's a Bronx girl from the block, and she was like, "Oh, really?" So there was a bit of that, which was nice.

The Back-Up Plan opens Friday

Q Do you have a preference between playing heroes and villains?

A I really like playing villains. It feels to me like — and this isn't to say that I've ever done anything clever or talented in my career yet — but I feel like when I'm playing a villain, I can get away with a lot more. You go like, "Hey, listen, what if this guy had a tattoo on his face?" And the director's like, "Yeah! That's f—ing evil!" But as the hero, you're like, "Hey, can we...?" "No! You're the hero. Just look and smile." And that's a ridiculous sort of stereotypical response, but I just feel freer when I'm a villain.

Q How about a preference between working in film and television?

A Well, film. I don't know who would prefer television over film. The only good thing about TV is it's a steady paycheck. That's not true, it's not the only good thing about TV. But look at me, dude. I just finished a pilot. I'm beat. You do 15, 16-hour days every day. You've got to churn the work out. I think film is the most comfortable medium because of the time and the money that's usually there.

Q And can you talk about, the pilot, Hawaii 5-0?

A No, I mean, I'll just say that it's a big pilot, and I think it's going to be very good. You should definitely watch out for it.

Q Are you tired of getting questions about vampires?

A No, I love vampires. I did the show Moonlight because I love the genre and because I really believed in the show, and I will always love the genre. I think it's the coolest. I would totally play a vampire again — if it was the right thing. I'll never be sick of vampires.

A director's notes

ADAM NAYMAN
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FOREIGN FILM On an Oscar telecast filled with preening stars, one of the nicer moments came courtesy of Argentinean director Juan Jose Campanella, who accepted the Best Foreign-Language Film award for The Secret in Their Eyes with genuine humility and a sly sense of humour.

"I want to thank the Academy," he smiled, "For not considering Na'vi a foreign language."

Campanella's joke was supposed to emphasize the disparity in size between James Cameron's box office behemoth and his own film, which details the toll of a gruesome rape and murder case on the life of a state prosecutor over a period of thirty years. But the fact is that there's nothing in Avatar as cinematographic impressive as the centrepiece action sequence in The Secret in Their Eyes, which descends from the sky above a Buenos Aires soccer stadium and into its crowded interior in the space of a single shot.

"I think of my movies as symphonies. I like them to have different movements, different rhythms."
Juan Jose Campanella
Oscar-winning director

"I think of my movies as symphonies," explains Campanella over the phone. "I like them to have different movements, different rhythms. I thought that [at that point in the film] there had been a lot of cerebral, quiet scenes. I needed a crescendo.

"I wanted something different — to make people feel like they were there, like they were being thrown into the bleachers. And to do that, I felt like I couldn't break the point of view."

The director admits that there are editing tricks at play in the shot, which took one year to prepare, three days to shoot and nine months to fiddle with in post-production.

"It is computer assisted, but 95 per cent of it is handheld," he says, while emphasizing that for all of its lush 1970s period detail, The Secret in Their Eyes was still a relatively modest production.

"In Argentina, it is what is called an 'industrial' movie," he explains. "But we still shot it in seven weeks. The country is begging for a redefinition of what an 'independent' movie is."

While The Secret in Their Eyes is designed to work as a thriller, it also features a strong romantic element. its protagonist's lingering obsession over the murder case he couldn't solve as a young man dovetails with his unrequited affection for his boss.

"The main change from (Eduardo Sacheri's) novel is the character of Irene (Soledad Villami). In the book, she's a background character, seen from a distance. But in making the film, I realized that what tied it all of the characters together was passion, which manifested in many forms, both pure and perverted. So I wanted Ricardo and Irene's relationship to come into the foreground."

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'Dancing' to the beat

Stars may be amateurs, but DWTS band is all pro

Three hours until showtime. The Dancing With the Stars ballroom is empty except for the hosts, the dancers and the band.

The professional dancers and their celebrity partners — already in costumes and makeup — have been rehearsing their routines for almost a week. The 18-member orchestra, on the other hand, just saw the night's music and in just a few hours, they'll be playing the music for the first time in front of millions.

On today's playlist? Lady Gaga, Louis Armstrong, the Bangles, Cole Porter, a song in Spanish and a show tune from Chicago.

Musical director Harold Wheeler is in his trailer, just outside the studio. "We don't rehearse until (show day)," he says. "That's why it's a great orchestra."

Wheeler, a Broadway veteran, has been playing with the same group of musicians for more than a decade. The 66-year-old composer and conductor brings them along on his various gigs, which include movie and TV soundtracks and, this year, performing at the Academy Awards. When they're not working with Wheeler, all are studio musicians for hire. The same goes for the singers.

"They're on many, many recordings everywhere," Wheeler says, "but on Mondays and Tuesdays, they're mine."

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Mad Men back in July

Mad Men is officially set to return for its fourth season on Sunday, July 25, according to The Hollywood Reporter. So that is when we will learn what is to become of the dissolved Sterling Cooper and the dissolved Draper marriage. EW.COM

Extortion charge in Stamos case

PEOPLE Federal prosecutors in Michigan's Upper Peninsula have filed a fresh criminal charge against two people accused of trying to extort money from actor John Stamos.

Scott Sippola and Allison Coss are charged with using interstate commerce to make the threat. It was filed Monday as a "felony information," which means a guilty plea is likely. Sippola and Coss are accused of threatening to sell photos of Stamos unless he paid them $680,000.

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Idol giving back

TV Simon Fuller, the entertainment magnate behind American Idol and its charity event airing tonight, is trumpeting a starry lineup that includes Elton John, Alicia Keys and Carrie Underwood.

But he played it coy when asked about the Idol Gives Back role of two other prominent people.

Bill and Melinda Gates, supporters of the fundraiser since it launched in 2007, "have done something very special, quite incredible, this year," Fuller said. Pressed for details, he would only advise that you must watch the broadcast.

Pumping up viewership — and donations — is Fuller's goal. Idol Gives Back, which has raised more than $140 million US, this year will benefit Children's Health Fund, Feeding America, Malaria No More, Save the Children's U.S. programs and the United Nations Foundation.

The fundraiser is airing as part of the weekly American Idol elimination episode (8-10 p.m. on CTV), rather than a stand-alone broadcast. Seven contestants remain in the singing contest. Others performing for Idol Gives Back are the Black Eyed Peas, Annie Lennox, Jeff Beck, Joss Stone and Mary J. Blige.

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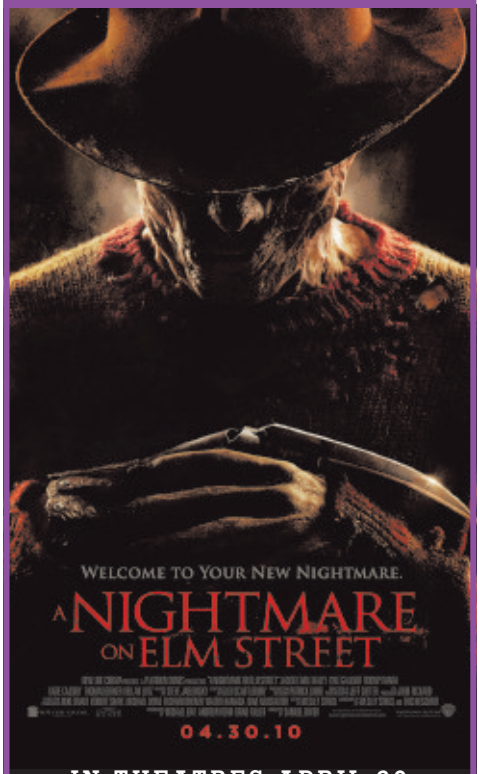

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Troubling times for King?

During a presentation to advertisers last week in New York City, CNN trotted out many of its big names: Anderson Cooper, John King, Sanjay Gupta, Candy Crowley, Nancy Grace and Wolf Blitzer, among them.

Larry King, host of what is still one of the network's top-rated shows, appeared only in a film clip that flashed by for a second or two.

These are troubled times for Larry King Live as it approaches its 25th anniversary in June. The show's viewership for the first three months of the year dropped 44 per cent from 2009, and it usually trails Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity and MSNBC's Rachel Maddow in the time slot.

Once a pioneer, King now fights for relevancy.

There was a time when such a thought would be heresy.

"In the early days of the 1980s and 1990s, that was the place to go to get interviewed," television historian Tim Brooks said. "Any politician, including presidential candidates, had to be on his show. That brought a lot of respect to CNN, and to cable as well."

King moderated a memorable 1993 debate between Ross Perot and Vice-President Al Gore. He even tried to mediate peace in the Middle East, bringing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, King Hussein of Jordan and Israel's Yitzhak Rabin together on a show. His influence was equally big with entertainers. A list of bold-faced names who had sat across the table from King would take in practically everyone in the entertainment business.

In those days, Larry King was New Media. Today, entertainers have many options, from visiting hip hosts such as Jon Stewart to maintaining their own Twitter feeds. King was never a challenging interviewer, but now politicians can find downright friendly ones.

It leaves King with pleasant but meandering chats with Willie Nelson, or the chance to talk to Martina Navratilova about her cancer treatment. On the day Conan O'Brien agreed to go to TBS, King brought three reporters in to chat about it.

Think about it. When was the last must-see Larry King interview?

For a network based in Atlanta and with a large New York office, King usually works out of Los Angeles. His executive producer since 1992, Wendy Walker, works from her home in San Diego, where CNN has built a control room for her. Some who know King suggested that's a disconnected arrangement, and wonder whether he is getting the support he needs in booking and promotion. If you see an ad for CNN, it's far more likely to feature Cooper or Blitzer.

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	605	-	-	FASH	America's Next Top Model		FashionTele	RAW	FT Found Footage		Pretty Wicked		Best Dressed

Bertinelli hits another milestone
Just days before Valerie Bertinelli turns 50 Friday, she achieved another personal goal: finishing the Boston Marathon. Bertinelli told People — just after running the 26.2-mile race, her first marathon, in 5:14:37 — "I feel euphoric." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Ringless Bullock comes out of hiding

LEAVE SANDRA ALONE! Sandra Bullock emerged from hiding again — and her wedding ring was nowhere in sight, people.com reports.

During its Monday night broadcast, Entertainment Tonight showed a photograph of the star taking a hike in Northern California. In the snap reportedly taken last Friday, a somber looking Bullock wears a hat and scarf and little makeup.

Noticeably missing from her left hand: The vintage platinum band with intertwining diamonds she has worn since wedding to Jesse James nearly five years ago.

Bullock, 45, has only been seen once before in public since her husband's cheating scandal erupted in early March. (Since Michelle "Bombshell" McGee claimed an 11-month affair with James, four other women have come forward claiming involvement with the motorcycle mogul. James, 41, is said to be seeking treatment at an undisclosed facility.) On March 31, the Oscar winner — concealed by a floppy green hat and umbrella-bearing assistants — briefly left her Hollywood Hills home to visit the Beverly Hills home of her friend, investor Gabriel Brenner.

How is she doing now? "She is devastated but being methodical and trying to make the right decision about what to do next," a Bullock source says in the latest issue of Us Weekly. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Kardashian: Mom told me to pose nude

GOOD OLD FASHIONED FAMILY VALUES Kim Kardashian only posed for Playboy because her mother told her to, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The socialite admits she regrets baring all for the publication in December 2007, but was urged to do so by mother Kris Jenner to promote their Keeping Up with the Kardashians TV programme.

"'Go for it,' my mother said, 'They might never ask you again. Our show isn't on the air yet. No one knows who you are. Do it and you'll have these beautiful pictures to look at when you're my age,'" she said.

However, posing in another naked shoot for Harper's Bazaar, the 29-year-old beauty admits she feels more comfortable this time around.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Elin snaps up pricey real estate

GO 'HEAD GIRL, SPEND THAT CASH Elin Nordegren's recent purchase of a $2 million home in Sweden have some speculating that the salvaging of her marriage to Tiger Woods isn't going so well, but sources close to the couple insist Nordegren won't be taking the kids all the way to Europe.

"No way would Tiger let Elin leave the U.S.A. with his children. You can say whatever you want about Tiger as a husband, but he has always been a great father," a source tells Popeater. "He knows his marriage is probably over, but he will never give up on those kids. They mean the world to him." METRO WORLD NEWS

Lohan in big debt trouble

NEXT UP: VISA REHAB
Despite not having made a film in more than a year, Lindsay Lohan has reportedly done nothing to curb her spending, and it's taking its toll, according to Radar Online.

"Lindsay owes credit cards $600,000," a source says. "One card cut her off last week, and it's only a matter of time before all her other ones cut her off, too."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gibson's baby mama playing coy about split

HEY - SHE'S GOT A FIFTEENTH MINUTE TO EXTEND, FOLKS Oksana Grigorieva is being coy about why she and Mel Gibson really split up, but she will say there's more to it than what's been reported.

"I can tell you that ... we have split up, suddenly and recently," Grigorieva said at a press conference in Moscow. "Unfortunately, I cannot give you the reason. But you will find out everything quite soon." She also divulged that she's planning to get the hammer-and-sickle tattoo on her ankle that Gibson suggested removed.

METRO WORLD NEWS

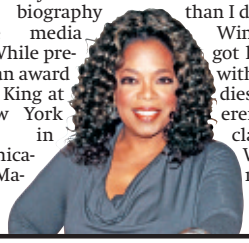
Aniston to sit in director's seat

IT'S A SAFE BET THERE'S A NO-ANGELINA CASTING POLICY
Jennifer Aniston is getting ready to step behind the camera, gearing up to direct her first feature film, according to the Sun. "I have a project in development I'm going to direct," the former Friends star says, according to the newspaper. "After you get enough movies under your belt you sit back and go, 'What's next?'"

METRO WORLD NEWS

Oprah jokes about bio

IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM ...
Oprah Winfrey has finally addressed the allegations in Kitty Kelley's new unauthorized biography of the media queen. While presenting an award to Gayle King at the New York Women in Communications Matrix Awards, the last week "was a rough one" for King because the pal "sometimes cares more about my life than I do."



Winfrey joked, "Gayle got herself worked up with all my new daddies coming out," referencing the book's claim that Vernon Winfrey isn't her real father. METRO WORLD NEWS

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DAVID ARCHULETA didn't expect to be spotted at a gay bar, **JIM CARREY** isn't a fan of gossip, and **SARAH SILVERMAN** is asking the tough questions.

@DavidArchie Mental note to self: always ask where before you go! Wasn't my kind of place lol, and I had no clue! I guess you live and learn.

@JimCarrey Watching and reading gossip is like eating somethin' greasy. Fun at first but afterwords u feel gross. It seems 2 drain your vitality.

@SarahKSilverman Why aren't hair elastics allowed in movies or TV? Must every ponytail be wrapped in hair??

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ex-action star fights back

EXCEPT THERE'S NO SCRIPT FOR THIS ONE, STEVE
Stephen Seagal isn't taking his former assistant's allegations of sexual harassment and sex trafficking lying down. The former action star plans to counter Kayden Nguyen's lawsuit with his own suit for breaching their confidentiality agreement, according to Radar Online. Seagal's lawyer also claims that Nguyen was initially let go because of illegal activities. Nguyen's suit claims he treated the young woman as a personal "sex toy," among other charges.

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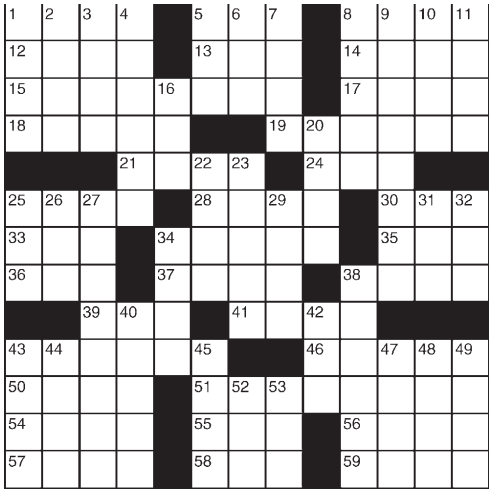

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Chicken with Noodles

INGREDIENTS:

2 1/2 to 3 pounds chicken breasts, thighs, and drumsticks
4 cups lower-sodium chicken broth (page 67)
2 large carrots, cut into 1/2-inch slices
1 large onion, chopped
1/4 tsp each salt and pepper
1 package medium-size regular noodles
1/4 cup cold water
2 tbsp all-purpose flour

METHOD:

1. Remove and discard chicken skin. Rinse chicken; drain and pat dry. In Dutch oven, combine chicken, broth, carrots, onion, salt and pepper. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Remove chicken from broth mixture. Set broth mixture aside. Cool chicken; remove and discard bones. Cut meat into bite-size pieces.

2. Bring broth mixture to boil over high heat. Add noodles. Return to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, 6 minutes.

3. Add chicken. In small bowl, whisk cold water and flour. Stir into chicken mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture starts to thicken. Cook and stir 2 minutes more or until mixture is thickened. Serve over mashed potatoes.

SERVES 4

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Money buys many things but it can't buy self-respect, so keep your standards up over the next 24 hours and don't get involved in anything devious.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Authority figures are likely to give you a bit of a hard time today but your mood is so positive at the moment that you won't let it get to you.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Make a mental effort to see the bigger picture today. If you allow yourself to get caught up in petty squabbles you will miss a golden opportunity.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
It is of the utmost importance that you are honest with people today, even to the extent of admitting to your failings.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A power struggle is likely today but you must try to steer clear of it. This is not a good time to come down on one side or the other.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You may think you have all the answers, and it is certainly true that you have some of them, but there is a limit to everyone's knowledge.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Usually you are pretty smart when it comes to assessing the financial worth of something but you are allowing your emotions to lead you right now.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Even if you have the power to force others to do your bidding today the planets warn it won't do you much good. Use your powers of persuasion instead.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It's okay to protect your interests, but it's not okay to be so aggressive that you risk turning people against you.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Sometimes Lady Luck seems to desert you for no good reason and this may be one of those days. Don't let it worry you.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
It should by now be obvious that you are never going to get along with a certain individual. All you can do is agree to differ and go your separate ways.

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REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY	Standard	Optional	Not Available
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Crash Test Rating NHTSA - Frontal impacts+

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